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(54) **MICROEMULSION TOPICAL DELIVERY PLATFORM**

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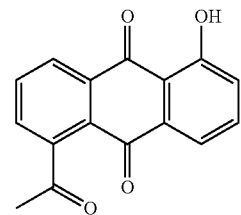
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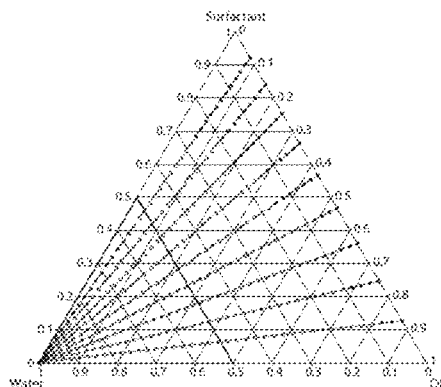
ABSTRACT

Provided are pharmaceutical carriers based on oil-in-water microemulsions and methods of making same. Also provided are pharmaceutical compositions comprising a carrier of the invention and a lipophilic active pharmaceutical ingredient (API), as well as methods for making same. The pharmaceutical compositions are particularly suitable for use in formulating lipophilic APIs for topical administration to the eye. Specifically included are pharmaceutical compositions comprising fenofibrate or fenofibric acid as API. Also provided is a method of treating a disease of the posterior segment of the eye. Also provided is a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound represented by



formulated for topical administration to the eye.

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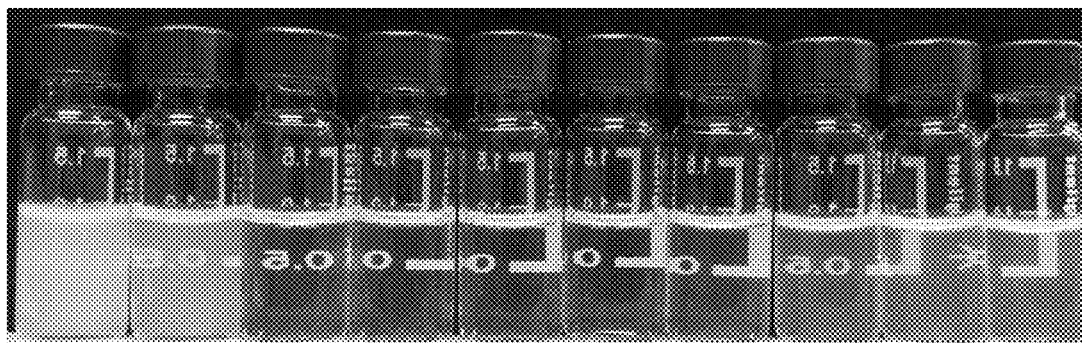
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FIG. 1



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A	500 μ l 500 μ l	475 μ l 525 μ l	450 μ l 550 μ l	425 μ l 575 μ l	400 μ l 600 μ l	375 μ l 625 μ l	350 μ l 650 μ l	325 μ l 675 μ l	300 μ l 700 μ l	275 μ l 725 μ l
B	250 μ l 750 μ l	225 μ l 775 μ l	200 μ l 800 μ l	175 μ l 825 μ l	150 μ l 850 μ l	125 μ l 875 μ l	100 μ l 900 μ l	75 μ l 925 μ l	50 μ l 950 μ l	25 μ l 975 μ l

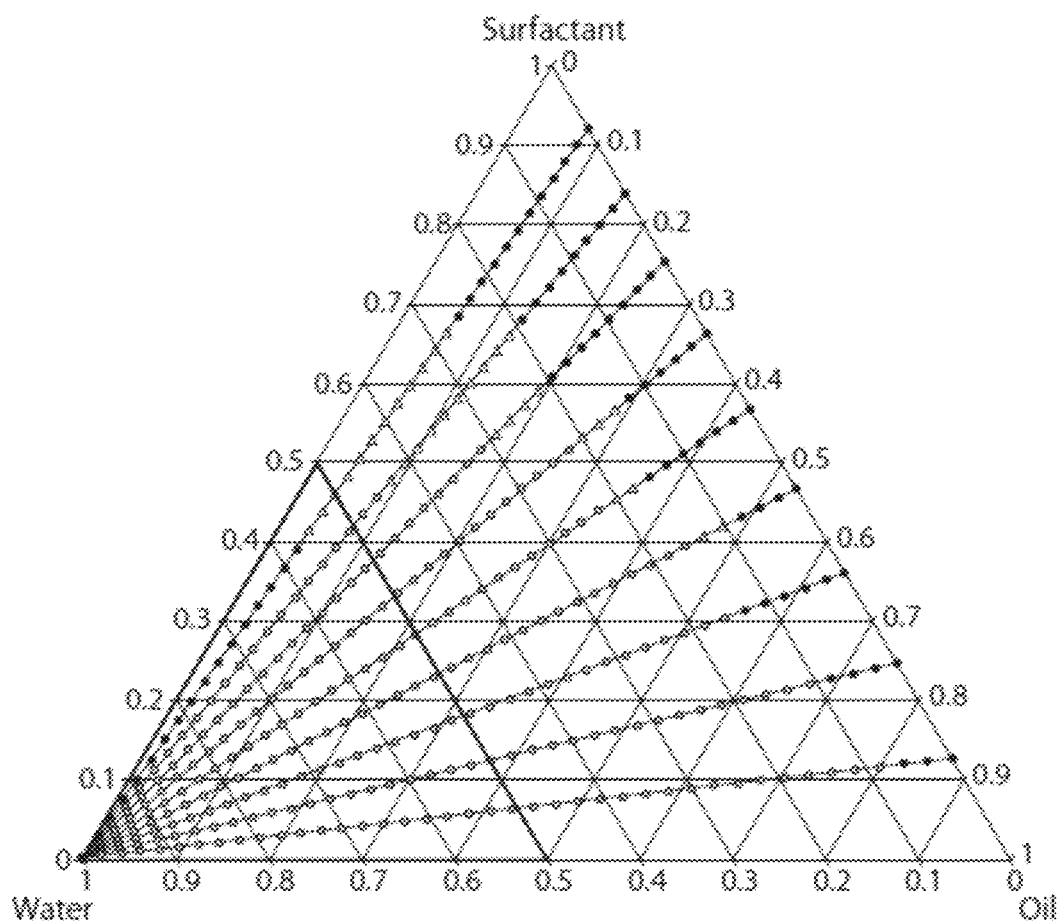


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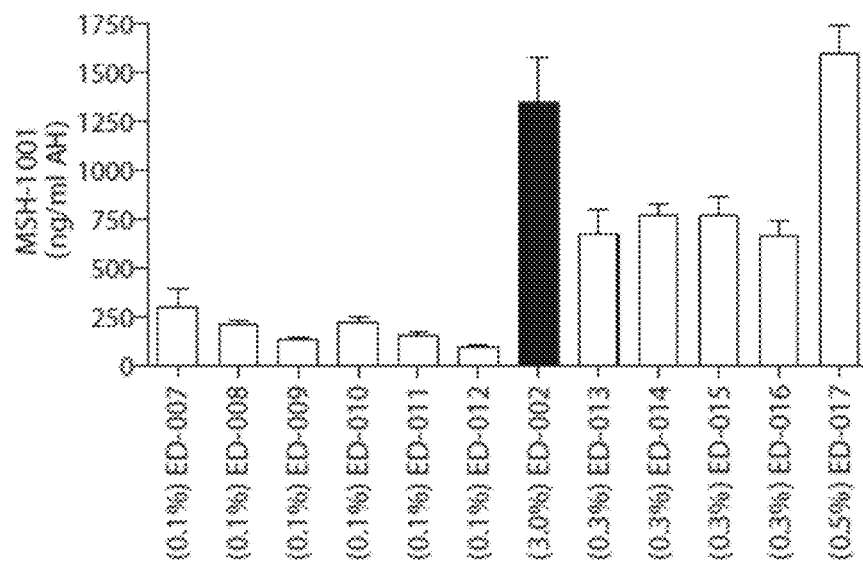


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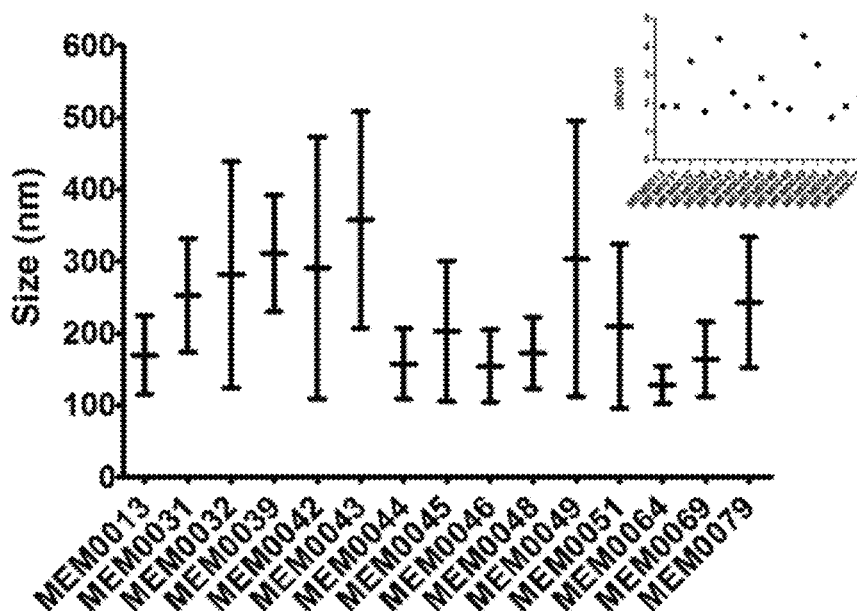


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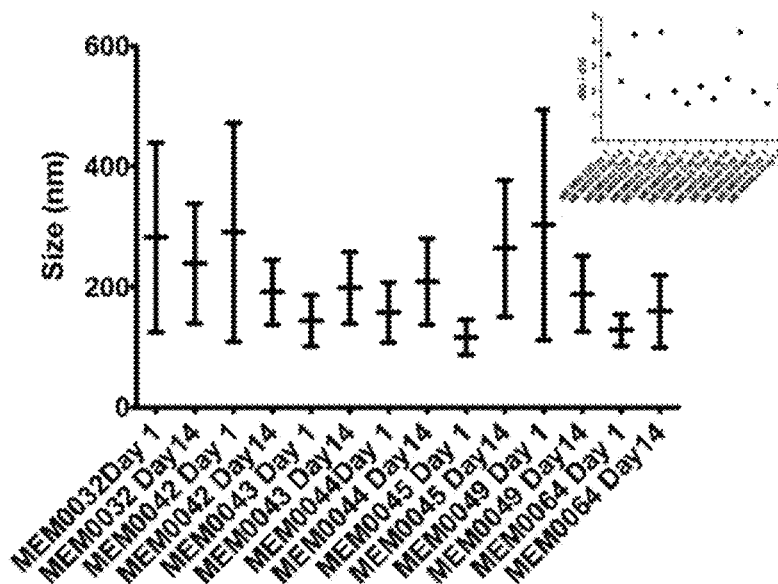


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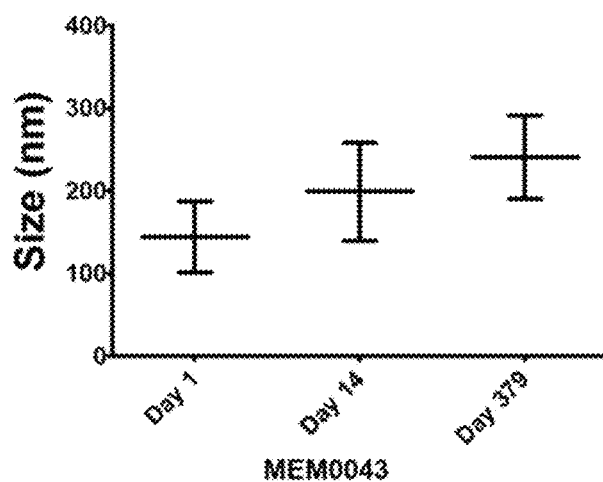


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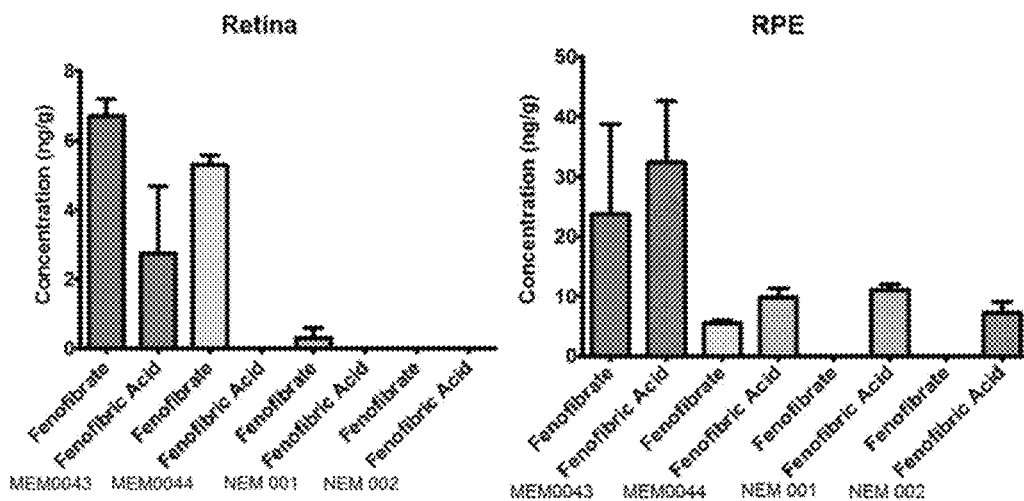
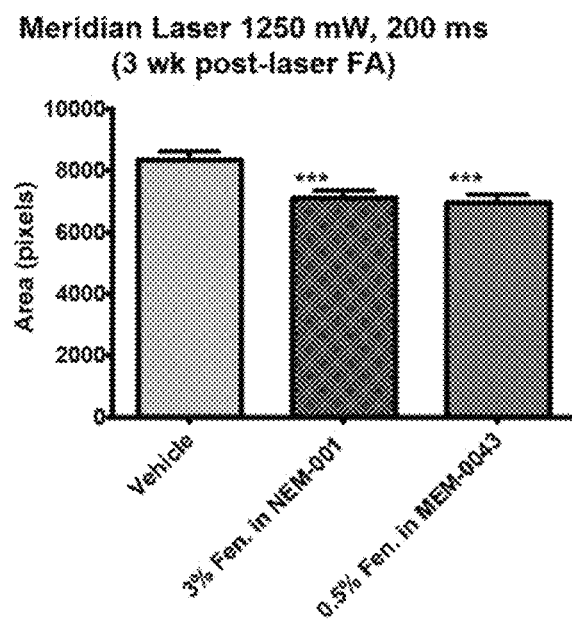


FIG. 8



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MICROEMULSION TOPICAL DELIVERY PLATFORM

RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a divisional of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 14/212,675, filed Mar. 14, 2014, now U.S. Pat. No. 8,968,775, which claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 61/784,005, filed Mar. 14, 2013.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Delivery of active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) to the eye may be achieved most conveniently by topical administration to the eye. However, topical delivery of APIs to the eye is commonly limited by a number of factors, including low residence time, poor penetration and delivery to target tissue, and physiological barriers to delivery. These limiting factors are particularly significant for diseases affecting the posterior segment of the eye, and for this reason it is common to resort to other routes of administration, e.g., intraocular (intravitreal) injection and systemic administration, to deliver APIs to the posterior segment of the eye.

Of course, intravitreal injection is invasive and requires highly specialized conditions including performance by an ophthalmologist in an operating room. Moreover, intravitreal injection carries attendant risks of infection and, in the case of intravitreal inserts, displacement.

On the other hand, systemic administration, e.g., intravenous injection, while less demanding technically, is subject to physiologic barriers to success. For example, the blood-retina barrier (BRB), like the blood-brain barrier (BBB), limits APIs from reaching the interior of the eye. Moreover, systemic administration may require unacceptably high dosages of API in order to achieve efficacious drug levels within the eye.

Microemulsions are thermodynamically stable and isotropic formulations composed of a polar phase (e.g., water), a non-polar phase (e.g., oil), surfactant, and co-surfactant. Unlike nanoemulsions, microemulsions form without the need for input energy; they form essentially spontaneously. Certain microemulsions, characterized by their clarity, stability, and the possibility of sterilization, represent candidate topical delivery platforms for APIs directed to the eye.

The eye is divided into two anatomical compartments, called the anterior chamber and the posterior chamber. The smaller anterior chamber includes all structures including and anterior to the lens, e.g., the cornea, aqueous humor, iris, and the lens. The much larger posterior segment includes all remaining structures, i.e., all structures posterior to the lens. These structures include, inter alia, the vitreous humor, retina, retinal blood vessels, macula, choroid, part of the sclera, and optic nerve.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The invention concerns specific formulations of, and methods of making, microemulsions and microemulsion formulations which useful as pharmaceutical carriers. In a broad sense, the microemulsions and microemulsion formulations may be used for topical delivery of active pharmaceutical ingredients, particularly lipophilic APIs, to any tissue. It has been found, for example, that microemulsions and microemulsion formulations of the invention are suitable for delivering therapeutically meaningful amounts of certain APIs to internal structures of the eye. The microemulsions and microemulsion formulations of the invention are suitable for topical administration to the eye, for example in the form of eye-

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drops. Surprisingly, topical delivery of microemulsion formulations according to the invention is effective to treat even diseases of the posterior segment of the eye.

An aspect of the invention is a pharmaceutical carrier suitable for topical administration to the eye, comprising:

an oil-in-water microemulsion comprising

(i) an oil selected from the group consisting of isopropyl myristate, isopropyl palmitate, and medium chain triglycerides;

(ii) a pair of surfactants selected from the group consisting of two polysorbates, a polysorbate and propylene glycol, a polysorbate and glycerol, a polysorbate and triacetin (1,2,3-triacetoxyp propane), cremophor EL (polyethoxylated castor oil) and triacetin (1,2,3-triacetoxyp propane), and cremophor EL (polyethoxylated castor oil) and propylene glycol; and

(iii) water,

wherein:

the water represents 50 to about 95 percent (w/w) of the pharmaceutical carrier;

the oil and surfactants represent substantially all of the remainder of the pharmaceutical carrier; and

the ratio of percent (w/w) total surfactant to percent (w/w) oil is at least about 10:1.

An aspect of the invention is a method of making the pharmaceutical carrier of the invention. The method comprises the steps of combining the oil and the pair of surfactants, to yield an oil/surfactant mixture; and combining the oil/surfactant mixture with the water.

An aspect of the invention is a pharmaceutical composition, comprising a lipophilic active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) and the pharmaceutical carrier of the invention, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is formulated for topical administration to the eye.

An aspect of the invention is a method of making the pharmaceutical composition of the invention. The method comprises the steps of combining the oil, the pair of surfactants, and the lipophilic active pharmaceutical ingredient (API), to yield an oil/surfactant/API mixture; and combining the oil/surfactant/API mixture with the water.

An aspect of the invention is method of treating a disease of the posterior segment of the eye. The method comprises the step of topically administering to an eye of a subject in need thereof a composition comprising:

an oil-in-water microemulsion comprising

(i) an oil selected from the group consisting of isopropyl myristate, isopropyl palmitate, and medium chain triglycerides;

(ii) a pair of surfactants selected from the group consisting of two polysorbates, a polysorbate and propylene glycol, a polysorbate and glycerol, a polysorbate and triacetin (1,2,3-triacetoxyp propane), cremophor EL (polyethoxylated castor oil) and triacetin (1,2,3-triacetoxyp propane), and cremophor EL (polyethoxylated castor oil) and propylene glycol;

(iii) water; and

(iv) a therapeutically effective amount, for treating a disease of the posterior segment of the eye, of a lipophilic active pharmaceutical ingredient (API),

wherein:

the API represents about 0.01 to about 5 percent (w/v) of the composition;

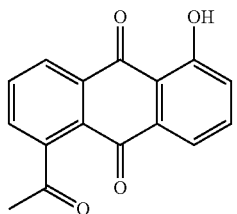
the water represents 50 to about 95 percent (w/w) of the composition;

the oil and surfactants represent substantially all of the remainder of the composition;

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the ratio of percent (w/w) total surfactant to percent (w/w) oil is at least about 10:1; and the composition is formulated for topical administration to the eye.

In one embodiment, the API is represented by



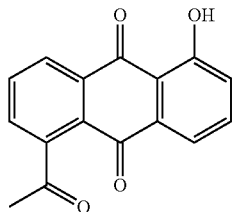
In one embodiment, the disease of the posterior segment of the eye is characterized by inflammation, neovascularization, vascular leakage, fibrosis, or any combination thereof.

In one embodiment, the disease of the posterior segment of the eye is selected from the group consisting of: age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, posterior uveitis, retinal edema, macular edema, and retinal vein occlusion.

In one embodiment, the disease of the posterior segment of the eye is age-related macular degeneration.

In one embodiment, the disease of the posterior segment of the eye is diabetic retinopathy.

An aspect of the invention is pharmaceutical composition, comprising an effective amount, for treating a disease of the posterior segment of the eye, of a compound represented by



and the pharmaceutical carrier of the invention, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is formulated for topical administration to the eye.

In one embodiment, the pharmaceutical composition is formulated as eyedrops.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a pair of photographic images of a single series of twenty clear glass vials containing various formulations of water, oil, and surfactant; and a map representing the formulations in the vials. The vial at the left of the upper photo corresponds to map position A1, and successive vials to the right correspond to map positions A2, A3, etc. The vial at the left of the lower photo corresponds to map position B1, and successive vials to the right correspond to map positions B2, B3, etc. Vial A1 contains (i) 500 μ L of oil phase comprised of 90 percent 3:1 Cremophor EL:propylene glycol surfactant/co-surfactant mixture/10 percent isopropyl myristate, and (ii) 500 μ L water. Vial A2 comprises (i) 475 μ L of the same oil phase, and (ii) 525 μ L water. This successive dilution continues until reaching vial B10, which comprises (i) 25 μ L of the same oil phase, and (ii) 975 μ L water. Clear formulations represent microemulsions.

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FIG. 2 is a representative pseudoternary phase diagram with 100 percent water, 100 percent oil, and 100 percent total surfactant at the apices labeled Water, Oil, and Surfactant, respectively. The area enclosed by heavier lines represents potential oil-in-water microemulsion space (water >50 percent). Each symbol represents a data point for actual combinations of different water/oil/surfactant combinations tested in the Examples. (Microemulsions correspond to only a subset of these points.)

FIG. 3 is a graph depicting quantification of MSH-1001 in rabbit aqueous humor measured 1 hour after topical administration to the eye. X axis shows percent (w/v) of drug in individual emulsion formulations. ED-007 to ED-017 are microemulsions; ED-002 is a nanoemulsion. AH=aqueous humor; IPM=isopropyl myristate.

FIG. 4 is a whisker plot graph depicting microemulsion size distribution. Higher and lower extremes represent the d90 and d10 droplet sizes, respectively.

FIG. 5 is a whisker plot graph depicting microemulsion size distribution. Higher and lower extremes represent the d90 and d10 droplet sizes, respectively. Data is shown in pairs for values measured on Day 1 and Day 14 for each microemulsion.

FIG. 6 is whisker plot graph depicting microemulsion size distribution for MEM0043 at Days 1, 14, and 379.

FIG. 7 is a pair of bar graphs depicting concentrations of fenofibrate and fenofibric acid in retina (left panel) and retinal pigment epithelium (RPE) (right panel) of rabbits, as measured by LC/MS, following QIDx5 days eye drop administration to eyes of fenofibrate formulated as 0.5% fenofibrate in the indicated microemulsions (MEM0043 and MEM0044) or 3% fenofibrate in the indicated nanoemulsions (NEM 001 and NEM 002).

FIG. 8 is a bar graph depicting lesion size measured in rats where choroidal neovascularization was induced by laser. Rats were treated QID for 19 consecutive days with either vehicle alone or fenofibrate formulated as 3% fenofibrate in nanoemulsion (NEM-001) or 0.5% fenofibrate in microemulsion (MEM-0043). *** $p < 0.001$ compared to vehicle.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

As described herein, Applicant has identified, through exhaustive trial-and-error analysis of many combinations of possible components, a group of microemulsion formulations particularly well suited for use in topical administration of lipophilic drugs, including, in particular, for ophthalmic use. The microemulsion formulations are clear, stable, well tolerated, and capable of delivering therapeutically effective amounts of active pharmaceutical ingredients to target sites, including sites within the eye. Surprisingly, the microemulsion formulations of the invention are capable of delivering therapeutically effective amounts of active pharmaceutical ingredients to the posterior segment of the eye following topical administration to the eye.

An aspect of the invention is a pharmaceutical carrier suitable for topical administration to the eye, comprising:

- an oil-in-water microemulsion comprising
 - (i) an oil selected from the group consisting of isopropyl myristate, isopropyl palmitate, medium chain triglycerides, and any combination thereof;
 - (ii) a pair of surfactants selected from the group consisting of two polysorbates, a polysorbate and propylene glycol, a polysorbate and glycerol, a polysorbate and triacetin (1,2,3-triacetoxypropane), cremophor EL (polyethoxy-

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lated castor oil) and triacetin (1,2,3-triacetoxyp propane), and cremophor EL (polyethoxylated castor oil) and propylene glycol; and

(iii) water,

wherein:

the water represents 50 to about 95 percent (w/w) of the pharmaceutical carrier;

the oil and surfactants represent substantially all of the remainder of the pharmaceutical carrier; and

the ratio of percent (w/w) total surfactant to percent (w/w) oil is at least about 10:1.

As used herein, an "oil-in-water microemulsion" is a microemulsion comprised of at least 50 percent (w/w) water, at least one organic chemical that is normally at least substantially immiscible in water (i.e., an oil), and at least two surfactants (sometimes referred to as surfactant and co-surfactant). The dispersed oil phase is dispersed as droplets in the continuous (water) phase, where the droplets typically have a mean diameter of less than about 300 nm, e.g., about 5 nm to about 200 nm. A microemulsion characteristically has a clear or translucent appearance on visual inspection because the droplets are too small to scatter light of visible wavelengths. Microemulsions typically have viscosities lower than liquid crystals, e.g., about 10-400 mPa·s.

As used herein, "medium chain triglyceride" or "MCT" refers to triglyceride for which at least 90 percent of fatty acids are made of 8-10 carbon atoms. Examples include Myglyol® 810 or 812 (triesters of glycerol, capric acid, and caprylic acid; Sasol Germany GmbH, Witten, Germany) and oils obtained by hydrolysis, fractionation, and esterification of coconut oil. Bach, A et al. (1982) *Am J Clin Nutr* 36:293. MCTs are more water-soluble than long-chain triglycerides, yet they accommodate large amounts of lipophilic drugs.

As used herein, the term "surfactant" takes its usual meaning, and a "pair of surfactants" refers to two surfactants or, equivalently, a surfactant and a co-surfactant. The two surfactants can be present in the same or different amounts.

As used herein, the term "polysorbate" refers generally to a polyoxyethylene derivative of sorbitan fatty acid ester. Common commercial preparations of polysorbates are sold under the name Tween®, Alkest, or Canarcel. In the nomenclature of polysorbates, the numeric designation following polysorbate (or Tween®) refers to the lipophilic group. For example, polysorbate 20 is a monolaurate ester, and polysorbate 80 is a monooleate ester.

Cremophor® EL (BASF SE), is a version of polyethoxylated castor oil, the major component of which is glycerol polyethylene glycol ricinoleate. Additional components include free polyethylene glycols and ethoxylated glycerol. It is prepared by reacting 35 moles of ethylene oxide with each mole of castor oil. The product has been given CAS number 61791-12-6.

In one embodiment, the water represents 50 percent (w/w) of the pharmaceutical carrier.

In one embodiment, the water represents at least about 55 percent (w/w) of the pharmaceutical carrier.

In one embodiment, the water represents at least about 60 percent (w/w) of the pharmaceutical carrier.

In one embodiment, the water represents at least about 65 percent (w/w) of the pharmaceutical carrier.

In one embodiment, the water represents at least about 70 percent (w/w) of the pharmaceutical carrier.

In one embodiment, the water represents at least about 75 percent (w/w) of the pharmaceutical carrier.

In one embodiment, the water represents at least about 80 percent (w/w) of the pharmaceutical carrier.

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In one embodiment, the water represents at least about 85 percent (w/w) of the pharmaceutical carrier.

In one embodiment, the water represents at least about 90 percent (w/w) of the pharmaceutical carrier.

The term "w/w" as used herein means ratio of weight of component (in grams) to weight of solution (in grams), where weight of solution refers to the total weight of the oil, water, and surfactant. As an example, 1 percent (w/w) isopropyl myristate denotes 1 g isopropyl myristate per 100 g total weight.

The term "w/v" as used herein means ratio of weight (in grams) to volume (in mL), where volume refers to the final volume. As an example, 1 percent (w/v) isopropyl myristate denotes 1 g isopropyl myristate per 100 mL final volume.

As used herein in connection with any particular numerical value, in one embodiment the term "about" means that particular numerical value plus or minus 5% of that particular value. Thus, for example, the term "about 1 percent (w/w)" can be understood to embrace a range of values from 0.95 to 1.05 percent (w/w). Similarly, the term "about 10:1" can be understood to embrace a range of values from 9.5:1 to 10.5:1.

Moreover, the term "at least about 10:1" in one embodiment means from about 10:1 to about 20:1. In additional separate embodiments, the term "at least about 10:1" means from about 10:1 to about 11:1; from about 10:1 to about 12:1; from about 10:1 to about 13:1; from about 10:1 to about 14:1; and from about 10:1 to about 15:1.

In one embodiment, the term "at least about 10:1" means about 10:1.

In one embodiment, the oil is isopropyl myristate.

In one embodiment, the oil is isopropyl palmitate.

In one embodiment, the oil is medium chain triglycerides.

In one embodiment, the pair of surfactants is two polysorbates. For example, in one embodiment, the pair of surfactants is polysorbate 20 and polysorbate 80.

In one embodiment, the pair of surfactants is a polysorbate and propylene glycol.

In one embodiment, the pair of surfactants is a polysorbate and glycerol.

In one embodiment, the pair of surfactants is a polysorbate and triacetin (1,2,3-triacetoxyp propane).

In one embodiment, the pair of surfactants is cremophor EL (polyethoxylated castor oil) and triacetin (1,2,3-triacetoxyp propane).

In one embodiment, the pair of surfactants is cremophor EL (polyethoxylated castor oil) and propylene glycol.

An aspect of the invention is a method of making the pharmaceutical carrier just described above, i.e., a method of making the pharmaceutical carrier of the invention. The method includes the steps of combining the oil and the pair of surfactants, to yield an oil/surfactant mixture; and combining the oil/surfactant mixture with the water. The combined components will form a microemulsion essentially spontaneously. That is, thorough mixing alone, for example by rocking or gentle vortexing, sufficient to bring all components into contact, should suffice to form the microemulsion.

Preferred microemulsions are optically clear and homogeneous to visual inspection, and thermodynamically stable.

The method of making the pharmaceutical carrier optionally can include the further step of sterilizing the formed pharmaceutical carrier, for example by sterile filtering or autoclaving for 20 min at 121° C.

The method of making the pharmaceutical carrier optionally can include the further step of sizing the droplets.

An aspect of the invention is a pharmaceutical composition, comprising a lipophilic active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) and the pharmaceutical carrier of the invention,

wherein the pharmaceutical composition is formulated for topical administration to the eye.

The API can be any lipophilic API. As used herein, the term “lipophilic” means substantially more soluble in lipid, oil, or fat than in water at room temperature. In one embodiment, the term “lipophilic” further means having a solubility in water at room temperature of less than or equal to 30 mg/mL. In one embodiment, the term “lipophilic” further means having a solubility in water at room temperature of less than or equal to 10 mg/mL. In one embodiment, the term “lipophilic” further means having a solubility in water at room temperature of less than or equal to 1 mg/mL. In one embodiment, the term “lipophilic” further means having a solubility in water at room temperature of less than or equal to 0.5 mg/mL. In one embodiment, the term “lipophilic” further means having a solubility in water at room temperature of less than or equal to 0.2 mg/mL. In one embodiment, the term “lipophilic” further means having a solubility in water at room temperature of less than or equal to 0.1 mg/mL. In one embodiment, the term “lipophilic” further means negligibly soluble in water at room temperature.

In one embodiment, the lipophilic API is selected from the group consisting of anti-inflammatory agents, anti-infective agents, anti-allergic agents, antihistamines, antiproliferative agents, anti-angiogenic agents, anti-oxidants, antihypertensive agents, neuroprotective agents, cell receptor agonists, cell receptor antagonists, immunomodulating agents, immunosuppressive agents, intraocular pressure lowering agents, α 2-adrenergic receptor agonists, β 1-adrenergic receptor antagonists, carbonic anhydrase inhibitors, cholinesterase inhibitor miotics, prostaglandins, prostaglandin receptor agonists, mast cell degranulation inhibitors (mast cell stabilizers), thromboxane A2 mimetics, protein kinase inhibitors, prostaglandin F derivatives, prostaglandin F_{2 α} receptor antagonists, cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitors, muscarinic agents, and any combination thereof.

In one embodiment, the lipophilic API is selected from the group consisting of adaprolol maleate, cyclosporine A, fenofibrate, fenofibric acid, indomethacin, miconazole, pilocarpine, piroxicam, and Δ^8 -THC.

In one embodiment, the lipophilic API is fenofibrate

In one embodiment, the lipophilic API is fenofibric acid.

In one embodiment, the lipophilic API is an API that is useful for the treatment of a disease of anterior segment of the eye.

A “disease of the anterior segment of the eye” refers to any disease of the anterior segment of the eye. Examples of diseases of the anterior segment of the eye include, without limitation, cataract, corneal neovascularization, dry eye (keratoconjunctivitis sicca), Fuchs’ dystrophy, glaucoma, keratitis (including herpes keratitis), and keratoconus. In one embodiment, a disease of the anterior segment of the eye specifically excludes diseases of the lens, e.g., cataract. In one embodiment, a disease of the anterior segment of the eye is glaucoma.

In one embodiment, the API is an API that is useful for the treatment of a disease of the posterior segment of the eye.

As used herein, the term “posterior segment of the eye” takes its usual meaning and refers to that part of the eye bounded anteriorly by the lens and anterior hyaloid membrane, and extending to the back of the eye. It is much larger than the anterior segment and includes the vitreous humor, retina, retinal blood vessels, macula, choroid, and optic nerve.

A “disease of the posterior segment of the eye” refers to any disease of the posterior segment of the eye. Of particular interest are inflammatory, autoimmune, vascular, and certain infectious diseases of the posterior segment of the eye. Dis-

eases of the posterior segment of the eye specifically include, without limitation, age-related macular degeneration (AMD), diabetic retinopathy, posterior uveitis, retinal edema, macular edema, and retinal vein occlusion. AMD specifically includes both dry AMD and wet AMD. Each of these diseases or conditions is well known in the art and need not be further described here.

In one embodiment, the disease of the posterior segment of the eye is characterized by inflammation, neovascularization, vascular leakage, fibrosis, or any combination thereof.

In one embodiment, the disease of the posterior segment of the eye is selected from the group consisting of: age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, posterior uveitis, retinal edema, macular edema, and retinal vein occlusion.

As used herein, “topical administration” refers to localized administering to a surface of a tissue. Topical administration to the eye refers to localized administering to a surface of an eye, for example, to any exterior aspect of the eye normally accessible between the eyelids. Topical administration to the eye generally may be achieved, for example, with drops, irrigants, ointments, or sprays.

In one embodiment, the pharmaceutical composition of the invention is formulated as eyedrops. For example, the composition may be presented in a rigid bottle fitted with a combination screw-cap/bulb pipette dropper cap. In one embodiment the composition is presented in a squeeze bottle fitted with a tip constructed and arranged to serve as a dropper and a removable cap to cover the tip. In a typical embodiment the eyedrops are dispensed as 30 microliter to 300 microliter single drops.

An aspect of the invention is method of making the pharmaceutical composition just described. The method includes the steps of combining the oil, the pair of surfactants, and the lipophilic active pharmaceutical ingredient (API), to yield an oil/surfactant/API mixture; and combining the oil/surfactant/API mixture with the water.

The API is included in the pharmaceutical composition in a therapeutically effective amount to treat a particular disease that is to be treated using the pharmaceutical composition.

As used herein, a “therapeutically effective amount” is any amount that is sufficient to achieve a desired therapeutic result. For example, a therapeutically effective amount for treating a disease of the posterior segment of the eye is an amount sufficient to treat a disease of the posterior segment of the eye.

A therapeutically effective amount of a given API for a given disease to be treated can be determined based on existing clinical experience using the API to treat the disease, or through reasonable amounts of experimentation performed in vitro and/or in vivo in animals and/or in human subjects.

The therapeutic amount of the API should be selected so as not to prevent formation of a microemulsion. Generally, the API will be present in an amount less than or equal to about 5 percent (w/v) of the pharmaceutical composition. In various individual embodiments, the amount of API may be selected from 0.01, 0.02, 0.03, 0.04, 0.05, 0.06, 0.07, 0.08, 0.09, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 2.0, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9, 3.0, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9, 4.0, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9, and 5.0 percent (w/v).

An aspect of the invention is a method of treating a disease of the posterior segment of the eye. The method includes the step of

topically administering to an eye of a subject in need thereof a composition comprising an oil-in-water microemulsion comprising

- (i) an oil selected from the group consisting of isopropyl myristate, isopropyl palmitate, medium chain triglycerides, and any combination thereof;

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- (ii) a pair of surfactants selected from the group consisting of two polysorbates, a polysorbate and propylene glycol, a polysorbate and glycerol, a polysorbate and triacetin (1,2,3-triacetoxyp propane), cremophor EL (polyethoxylated castor oil) and triacetin (1,2,3-triacetoxyp propane), and cremophor EL (polyethoxylated castor oil) and propylene glycol;
- (iii) water; and
- (iv) a therapeutically effective amount, for treating a disease of the posterior segment of the eye, of a lipophilic active pharmaceutical ingredient (API),

wherein:

- the API represents about 0.01 to about 5 percent (w/v) of the composition;
- the water represents 50 to about 95 percent (w/w) of the composition;
- the oil and surfactants represent substantially all of the remainder of the composition;
- the ratio of percent (w/w) total surfactant to percent (w/w) oil is at least about 10:1; and
- the composition is formulated for topical administration to the eye.

As used herein, the terms “treat” or “treating” refer to slowing the progression of, halting the progression of, reversing the progression of, or resolving a disease or condition in a subject. In one embodiment, “treat” or “treating” further refer to preventing a disease or condition in a subject.

As used herein, a “subject” refers to a mammal. In one embodiment, a subject is a human.

The subject can administer the composition to itself, or a caregiver can administer the composition to the eye of the subject.

In one embodiment, the administering is administering once a day. In one embodiment, the administering is administering more than once a day. In various embodiments, the administering is administering 2 times, 3 times, 4 times, 5 times, 6 times, 7 times, 8 times, 9 times, 10 times, 11 times, or 12 times a day. In one embodiment, the administering is administering one time to six times a day.

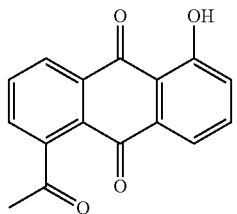
In one embodiment, the administering involves topically administering a single drop of the composition to the eye to be treated. Such single-drop administration can include administration 1 time, 2 times, 3 times, 4 times, 5 times, 6 times, 7 times, 8 times, 9 times, 10 times, 11 times, or 12 times a day.

In one embodiment, the lipophilic API is selected from the group consisting of adapolol maleate, cyclosporine A, fenofibrate, fenofibric acid, indomethacin, miconazole, pilocarpine, piroxicam, and Δ^8 -THC.

In one embodiment, the lipophilic API is fenofibrate

In one embodiment, the lipophilic API is fenofibric acid.

In one embodiment, the lipophilic API is 1-acetyl-5-hydroxyanthracene-9,10-dione, represented by



This compound, also known as CLT-005, is disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 8,058,316 to Farjo, the entire content of which is incorporated herein by reference.

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In one embodiment, the disease of the posterior segment of the eye is characterized by inflammation, neovascularization, vascular leakage, fibrosis, or any combination thereof.

In one embodiment, the disease of the posterior segment of the eye is selected from the group consisting of: age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, posterior uveitis, retinal edema, macular edema, and retinal vein occlusion.

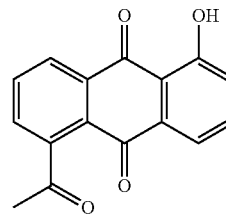
In one embodiment, the disease of the posterior segment of the eye is age-related macular degeneration.

In one embodiment, the disease of the posterior segment of the eye is dry age-related macular degeneration.

In one embodiment, the disease of the posterior segment of the eye is wet age-related macular degeneration.

In one embodiment, the disease of the posterior segment of the eye is diabetic retinopathy.

An aspect of the invention is a pharmaceutical composition, comprising an effective amount, for treating a disease of the posterior segment of the eye, of a compound represented by



and the pharmaceutical carrier the invention, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is formulated for topical administration to the eye.

In one embodiment, the pharmaceutical composition is formulated as eyedrops.

It will be understood by one of ordinary skill in the relevant arts that other suitable modifications and adaptations to the compositions and methods described herein are readily apparent from the description of the invention contained herein in view of information known to the ordinarily skilled artisan, and may be made without departing from the scope of the invention or any embodiment thereof. Having now described the present invention in detail, the same will be more clearly understood by reference to the following examples, which are included herewith for purposes of illustration only and are not intended to be limiting of the invention.

EXAMPLES

Example 1

Microemulsion Formulation Library

In order to identify candidate microemulsions useful in accordance with the invention, over twenty thousand (20,000) formulations representing different combinations of different oils and surfactants were prepared and characterized. Of the tens of thousands of formulations examined, nearly a thousand were identified as candidate microemulsions. A pseudoternary phase diagram was prepared or could be prepared based on data obtained for each particular combination of oil and surfactants.

As described in Examples 2-4 below, oil-in-water microemulsion formulations comprised of (i) oils selected from isopropyl myristate, isopropyl palmitate, and medium chain

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triglyceride, and (ii) pairs of surfactants selected from Tween® 20, Tween® 80, polypropylene glycol, glycerol, triacetin, and Cremophor® EL were identified.

In addition, each microemulsion was characterized for stability.

In an ongoing effort to characterize the microemulsions, certain of the microemulsions have been tested for ocular tolerability in mice.

In an ongoing effort to characterize the microemulsions, certain of the microemulsions have been used in combination with up to 5 percent (w/v) CLT-005.

FIG. 1 presents representative results from part of one single combination of oil, surfactants, and water.

FIG. 2 presents a representative pseudoternary phase diagram generated in accordance with this systematic study. Each filled circle on the plot represents a microemulsion. Each unfilled triangle on the plot represents a clear mixture that is not a microemulsion, e.g., a liquid crystal. Each unfilled circle on the plot represents a cloudy mixture.

Example 2

Microemulsion Formulations Comprised of Isopropyl Myristate

Tables 1-26 present representative formulations of microemulsions comprised of isopropyl myristate and pairs of surfactants selected from Tween® 20 (“T20”), Tween® 80 (“T80”), polypropylene glycol (“P”), glycerol (“G”), triacetin (“TriAc”), and Cremophor® EL (“CEL”). Numerical values are given as percent (w/w). “Surfactant” represents the percent (w/w) of total surfactant in each formulation.

TABLE 1

Isopropyl Myristate				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
1 to 1	MEM0078	0.473	0.040	0.487
	MEM0042	0.498	0.038	0.464
	MEM0043	0.523	0.036	0.440
	MEM0044	0.548	0.035	0.417
	MEM0045	0.574	0.033	0.394
	MEM0046	0.599	0.031	0.370
	MEM0047	0.625	0.029	0.346
	MEM0048	0.651	0.027	0.322
	MEM0079	0.972	0.002	0.026

TABLE 2

Isopropyl Myristate				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
2 to 1	MEM0080	0.484	0.041	0.475
	MEM0056	0.509	0.039	0.452
	MEM0057	0.534	0.037	0.429
	MEM0058	0.559	0.035	0.406
	MEM0059	0.584	0.033	0.383

TABLE 3

Isopropyl Myristate				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
3 to 1	MEM0081	0.477	0.041	0.482
	MEM0060	0.502	0.039	0.459
	MEM0061	0.527	0.037	0.436

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TABLE 4

Isopropyl Myristate				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
4 to 1	MEM0082	0.475	0.040	0.485
	MEM0062	0.500	0.039	0.461
	MEM0063	0.525	0.037	0.438

TABLE 5

Isopropyl Myristate				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
5 to 1	MEM0083	0.475	0.040	0.484
	MEM0064	0.500	0.039	0.461

TABLE 6

Isopropyl Myristate				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
1 to 2	MEM0084	0.485	0.041	0.473
	MEM0085	0.510	0.039	0.450
	MEM0086	0.535	0.037	0.427
	MEM0087	0.561	0.035	0.404
	MEM0088	0.586	0.033	0.381
	MEM0089	0.611	0.031	0.358
	MEM0090	0.636	0.029	0.334
	MEM0091	0.662	0.027	0.311
	MEM0092	0.688	0.025	0.287
	MEM0093	0.713	0.023	0.264
	MEM0094	0.739	0.021	0.240
	MEM0095	0.974	0.002	0.024

MEM0084-MEM0089 were unstable.

TABLE 7

Isopropyl Myristate				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
1 to 3	MEM0096	0.477	0.041	0.482
	MEM0097	0.502	0.039	0.459
	MEM0098	0.527	0.037	0.436
	MEM0099	0.552	0.035	0.413
	MEM0049	0.578	0.033	0.390
	MEM0027	0.603	0.031	0.366
	MEM0028	0.629	0.029	0.342
	MEM0050	0.654	0.027	0.319
	MEM0100	0.680	0.025	0.295
	MEM0101	0.706	0.023	0.271
	MEM0051	0.732	0.021	0.247
	MEM0102	0.758	0.019	0.223
	MEM0103	0.785	0.017	0.198
	MEM0104	0.811	0.015	0.174
	MEM0105	0.838	0.013	0.150
	MEM0106	0.865	0.010	0.125
	MEM0107	0.891	0.008	0.100
	MEM0108	0.918	0.006	0.075

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TABLE 7-continued

Isopropyl Myristate				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
	MEM0109	0.945	0.004	0.050
	MEM0110	0.973	0.002	0.025

MEM0096-MEM0099 were unstable.

TABLE 8

Isopropyl Myristate				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
1 to 4	MEM0111	0.478	0.041	0.482
	MEM0112	0.503	0.039	0.459
	MEM0113	0.528	0.037	0.435
	MEM0114	0.553	0.035	0.412
	MEM0115	0.578	0.033	0.389
	MEM0116	0.611	0.031	0.358
	MEM0117	0.636	0.029	0.334
	MEM0052	0.662	0.027	0.311
	MEM0053	0.687	0.025	0.287
	MEM0054	0.713	0.023	0.264
	MEM0055	0.739	0.021	0.240
	MEM0118	0.765	0.019	0.217
	MEM0119	0.785	0.017	0.198
	MEM0120	0.812	0.015	0.174
	MEM0121	0.838	0.013	0.149
	MEM0122	0.865	0.011	0.125
	MEM0123	0.892	0.008	0.100
	MEM0124	0.919	0.006	0.075
	MEM0125	0.946	0.004	0.050
	MEM0126	0.973	0.002	0.025

MEM0111-MEM0115 were unstable.

TABLE 9

Isopropyl Myristate				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
1 to 5	MEM0127	0.485	0.041	0.473
	MEM0128	0.510	0.039	0.450
	MEM0129	0.535	0.037	0.427
	MEM0130	0.561	0.035	0.404
	MEM0131	0.586	0.033	0.381
	MEM0132	0.611	0.031	0.358
	MEM0133	0.636	0.029	0.334
	MEM0134	0.662	0.027	0.311
	MEM0135	0.688	0.025	0.287
	MEM0136	0.713	0.023	0.264
	MEM0137	0.739	0.021	0.240
	MEM0138	0.765	0.019	0.217
	MEM0139	0.790	0.017	0.193
	MEM0140	0.816	0.015	0.169
	MEM0141	0.842	0.013	0.145
	MEM0142	0.868	0.011	0.121
	MEM0143	0.895	0.008	0.097
	MEM0144	0.921	0.006	0.073
	MEM0145	0.947	0.004	0.049
	MEM0146	0.974	0.002	0.024

MEM0127-MEM0131 were unstable.

TABLE 10

Isopropyl Myristate				
T80:P	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
2 to 1	MEM0375	0.492	0.042	0.466
	MEM0376	0.517	0.040	0.443

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TABLE 10-continued

Isopropyl Myristate				
T80:P	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
5	MEM0377	0.542	0.038	0.420
	MEM0378	0.567	0.036	0.397
	MEM0379	0.592	0.034	0.374
	MEM0380	0.618	0.032	0.351

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TABLE 11

Isopropyl Myristate				
T80:P	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
3 to 1	MEM0381	0.492	0.042	0.466
	MEM0382	0.517	0.040	0.443
	MEM0383	0.542	0.038	0.420
	MEM0384	0.567	0.036	0.397
20	MEM0385	0.592	0.034	0.374
	MEM0386	0.617	0.031	0.351
	MEM0387	0.642	0.029	0.328
	MEM0388	0.668	0.027	0.305
25	MEM0389	0.693	0.025	0.282
	MEM0390	0.744	0.021	0.235
	MEM0391	0.769	0.019	0.212
	MEM0392	0.795	0.017	0.188
30	MEM0393	0.820	0.015	0.165
	MEM0394	0.846	0.013	0.142
	MEM0395	0.871	0.011	0.118
	MEM0396	0.897	0.008	0.095
	MEM0397	0.923	0.006	0.071
	MEM0398	0.948	0.004	0.047
	MEM0399	0.974	0.002	0.024

TABLE 12

Isopropyl Myristate				
T80:P	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
4 to 1	MEM0400	0.567	0.036	0.398
	MEM0401	0.592	0.034	0.375
	MEM0402	0.617	0.031	0.352
	MEM0403	0.642	0.029	0.328
	MEM0404	0.667	0.027	0.305

MEM0400 was unstable.

TABLE 13

Isopropyl Myristate				
T80:P	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
5 to 1	MEM0405	0.491	0.042	0.467
	MEM0406	0.516	0.040	0.444
	MEM0407	0.541	0.038	0.421
	MEM0408	0.566	0.036	0.398
55	MEM0409	0.592	0.034	0.375
	MEM0410	0.617	0.031	0.352
	MEM0411	0.642	0.029	0.329
	MEM0412	0.667	0.027	0.305
60	MEM0413	0.693	0.025	0.282
	MEM0414	0.718	0.023	0.259
	MEM0415	0.743	0.021	0.235
	MEM0416	0.769	0.019	0.212
65	MEM0417	0.794	0.017	0.189
	MEM0418	0.820	0.015	0.165
	MEM0419	0.846	0.013	0.142
	MEM0420	0.871	0.011	0.118
	MEM0421	0.897	0.008	0.095
	MEM0422	0.923	0.006	0.071
	MEM0423	0.948	0.004	0.047

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TABLE 13-continued

Isopropyl Myristate				
T80:P	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
	MEM0424	0.974	0.002	0.024
	MEM0425	0.949	0.008	0.042
	MEM0426	0.975	0.004	0.021

MEM0405-MEM0408 were unstable.

TABLE 14

Isopropyl Myristate				
T80:G	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
1 to 1	MEM0578	0.472	0.040	0.488
	MEM0579	0.497	0.038	0.465

TABLE 15

Isopropyl Myristate				
T80:G	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
3 to 1	MEM0033	0.582	0.033	0.385
	MEM0580	0.608	0.031	0.361
	MEM0581	0.633	0.029	0.338
	MEM0582	0.659	0.027	0.314
	MEM0583	0.684	0.025	0.291

TABLE 16

Isopropyl Myristate				
T80:G	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
4 to 1	MEM0034	0.483	0.041	0.476
	MEM0584	0.508	0.039	0.453
	MEM0585	0.533	0.037	0.429
	MEM0586	0.559	0.035	0.406
	MEM0587	0.584	0.033	0.383
	MEM0588	0.609	0.031	0.360
	MEM0589	0.635	0.029	0.336
	MEM0590	0.660	0.027	0.313
	MEM0591	0.686	0.025	0.289
	MEM0592	0.712	0.023	0.266
	MEM0593	0.737	0.021	0.242
	MEM0594	0.763	0.019	0.218
	MEM0595	0.789	0.017	0.194
	MEM0596	0.815	0.015	0.170
	MEM0597	0.841	0.013	0.146
	MEM0598	0.868	0.011	0.122
	MEM0599	0.894	0.008	0.098
	MEM0600	0.920	0.006	0.073
	MEM0601	0.947	0.004	0.049
	MEM0602	0.973	0.002	0.025

TABLE 17

Isopropyl Myristate				
T80:G	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
5 to 1	MEM0603	0.485	0.041	0.474
	MEM0604	0.510	0.039	0.451
	MEM0605	0.535	0.037	0.428
	MEM0606	0.560	0.035	0.405
	MEM0607	0.585	0.033	0.382
	MEM0608	0.610	0.031	0.358
	MEM0609	0.636	0.029	0.335

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TABLE 17-continued

Isopropyl Myristate				
T80:G	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
5	MEM0610	0.661	0.027	0.312
	MEM0611	0.687	0.025	0.288
	MEM0612	0.712	0.023	0.265
	MEM0613	0.738	0.021	0.241
	MEM0614	0.764	0.019	0.217
10	MEM0615	0.790	0.017	0.193
	MEM0616	0.816	0.015	0.169
	MEM0617	0.842	0.013	0.145
	MEM0618	0.868	0.011	0.121
	MEM0619	0.894	0.008	0.097
	MEM0620	0.921	0.006	0.073
15	MEM0621	0.947	0.004	0.049
	MEM0622	0.973	0.002	0.024

TABLE 18

Isopropyl Myristate				
T80:TriAc	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
1 to 1	MEM0872	0.840	0.013	0.148
	MEM0873	0.866	0.011	0.123

TABLE 19

Isopropyl Myristate				
T80:TriAc	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
2 to 1	MEM0874	0.661	0.027	0.312
	MEM0875	0.712	0.023	0.265
	MEM0876	0.738	0.021	0.242
	MEM0877	0.763	0.019	0.218
	MEM0878	0.789	0.017	0.194
	MEM0879	0.815	0.015	0.170
	MEM0880	0.842	0.013	0.146
	MEM0881	0.868	0.011	0.122
	MEM0882	0.894	0.008	0.098
	MEM0883	0.920	0.006	0.073
	MEM0884	0.947	0.004	0.049
	MEM0885	0.973	0.002	0.025

TABLE 20

Isopropyl Myristate				
T80:TriAc	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
3 to 1	MEM0886	0.485	0.041	0.473
	MEM0023	0.510	0.039	0.450
	MEM0887	0.536	0.037	0.427
	MEM0888	0.561	0.035	0.404
	MEM0889	0.586	0.033	0.381
	MEM0890	0.611	0.031	0.358
	MEM0891	0.637	0.029	0.334
	MEM0892	0.662	0.027	0.311
	MEM0893	0.688	0.025	0.287
	MEM0894	0.713	0.023	0.264
	MEM0895	0.739	0.021	0.240
	MEM0896	0.765	0.019	0.216
	MEM0897	0.791	0.017	0.193
	MEM0898	0.816	0.015	0.169
	MEM0899	0.842	0.013	0.145
	MEM0900	0.868	0.011	0.121
	MEM0901	0.895	0.008	0.097
	MEM0902	0.921	0.006	0.073
	MEM0903	0.947	0.004	0.049
	MEM0904	0.974	0.002	0.024
	MEM0905	0.491	0.083	0.426

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TABLE 20-continued

Isopropyl Myristate				
T80:TriAc	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
	MEM0024	0.516	0.079	0.405
	MEM0906	0.541	0.075	0.384

TABLE 21

Isopropyl Myristate				
T80:TriAc	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
4 to 1	MEM0907	0.486	0.041	0.472
	MEM0908	0.511	0.039	0.449
	MEM0909	0.537	0.037	0.426
	MEM0910	0.562	0.035	0.403
	MEM0911	0.587	0.033	0.380
	MEM0912	0.612	0.031	0.357
	MEM0913	0.638	0.029	0.333
	MEM0914	0.663	0.027	0.310
	MEM0915	0.688	0.025	0.286
	MEM0916	0.714	0.023	0.263
	MEM0917	0.740	0.021	0.239
	MEM0918	0.765	0.019	0.216
	MEM0919	0.791	0.017	0.192
	MEM0920	0.817	0.015	0.168
	MEM0921	0.843	0.013	0.144
	MEM0922	0.869	0.011	0.121
	MEM0923	0.895	0.008	0.097
	MEM0924	0.921	0.006	0.073
	MEM0925	0.947	0.004	0.048
	MEM0926	0.974	0.002	0.024

TABLE 22

Isopropyl Myristate				
T80:TriAc	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
5 to 1	MEM0927	0.487	0.041	0.471
	MEM0928	0.512	0.039	0.448
	MEM0929	0.537	0.037	0.425
	MEM0930	0.562	0.035	0.402
	MEM0931	0.588	0.033	0.379
	MEM0932	0.613	0.031	0.356
	MEM0933	0.638	0.029	0.333
	MEM0934	0.664	0.027	0.309
	MEM0935	0.689	0.025	0.286
	MEM0936	0.715	0.023	0.262
	MEM0937	0.740	0.021	0.239
	MEM0938	0.766	0.019	0.215
	MEM0939	0.792	0.017	0.192
	MEM0940	0.817	0.015	0.168
	MEM0941	0.843	0.013	0.144
	MEM0942	0.869	0.011	0.120
	MEM0943	0.895	0.008	0.096
	MEM0944	0.921	0.006	0.072
	MEM0945	0.947	0.004	0.048
	MEM0946	0.974	0.002	0.024

TABLE 23

Isopropyl Myristate				
CEL:TriAc	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
3 to 1	MEM1009	0.588	0.033	0.379
	MEM1010	0.613	0.031	0.356
	MEM1011	0.638	0.029	0.333
	MEM1012	0.664	0.027	0.309
	MEM1013	0.689	0.025	0.286
	MEM1014	0.715	0.023	0.262

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TABLE 23-continued

Isopropyl Myristate				
CEL:TriAc	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
5	MEM1015	0.740	0.021	0.239
	MEM1016	0.766	0.019	0.215
	MEM1017	0.792	0.017	0.192
	MEM1018	0.817	0.015	0.168
	MEM1019	0.843	0.013	0.144
	MEM1020	0.869	0.011	0.120
	MEM1021	0.895	0.008	0.096
10	MEM1022	0.921	0.006	0.072
	MEM1023	0.947	0.004	0.048
	MEM1024	0.974	0.002	0.024
	MEM0032	0.618	0.063	0.319
	MEM1025	0.643	0.059	0.298
	MEM1026	0.668	0.055	0.277
	MEM1027	0.694	0.051	0.256
15	MEM1028	0.719	0.046	0.235
	MEM1029	0.744	0.042	0.213
	MEM1030	0.770	0.038	0.192
	MEM1031	0.795	0.034	0.171
	MEM1032	0.821	0.030	0.150
	MEM1033	0.846	0.025	0.128
	MEM1034	0.872	0.021	0.107
20	MEM1035	0.897	0.017	0.086
	MEM1036	0.923	0.013	0.064
	MEM1037	0.949	0.008	0.043
	MEM1038	0.974	0.004	0.021

TABLE 24

Isopropyl Myristate				
CEL:P	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
2 to 1	MEM0022	0.081	0.077	0.842
	MEM1039	0.494	0.042	0.464
	MEM0016	0.503	0.039	0.458
	MEM1040	0.519	0.040	0.441
	MEM1041	0.544	0.038	0.418
	MEM1042	0.569	0.036	0.395
	MEM1043	0.594	0.034	0.372
35	MEM1044	0.619	0.032	0.349
	MEM1045	0.644	0.029	0.326
	MEM1046	0.669	0.027	0.303
	MEM1047	0.695	0.025	0.280
	MEM1048	0.720	0.023	0.257
	MEM1049	0.745	0.021	0.234
	MEM0010	0.771	0.019	0.210
40	MEM1050	0.796	0.017	0.187
	MEM1051	0.821	0.015	0.164
	MEM1052	0.847	0.013	0.141
	MEM1053	0.872	0.011	0.117
	MEM1054	0.898	0.008	0.094
	MEM1055	0.923	0.006	0.070
	MEM1056	0.949	0.004	0.047
50	MEM1057	0.974	0.002	0.024

TABLE 25

Isopropyl Myristate				
CEL:P	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
3 to 1	MEM1058	0.669	0.027	0.303
	MEM1059	0.694	0.025	0.280
	MEM1060	0.720	0.023	0.257
	MEM1061	0.745	0.021	0.234
	MEM1062	0.770	0.019	0.211
	MEM1063	0.796	0.017	0.187
	MEM1064	0.821	0.015	0.164
60	MEM1065	0.847	0.013	0.141
	MEM1066	0.872	0.011	0.117
	MEM1067	0.898	0.008	0.094

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TABLE 25-continued

Isopropyl Myristate				
CEL:P	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
	MEM1068	0.923	0.006	0.070
	MEM1069	0.949	0.004	0.047
	MEM1070	0.974	0.002	0.024

TABLE 26

Isopropyl Myristate				
CEL:P	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
4 to 1	MEM1071	0.669	0.027	0.304
	MEM1072	0.694	0.025	0.280
	MEM1073	0.720	0.023	0.257
	MEM1074	0.745	0.021	0.234
	MEM1075	0.770	0.019	0.211
	MEM1076	0.796	0.017	0.187
	MEM1077	0.821	0.015	0.164
	MEM1078	0.847	0.013	0.141
	MEM1079	0.872	0.011	0.117
	MEM1080	0.898	0.008	0.094
	MEM1081	0.923	0.006	0.071
	MEM1082	0.949	0.004	0.047
	MEM1083	0.974	0.002	0.024
	MEM1084	0.548	0.076	0.376
	MEM1085	0.573	0.072	0.355
	MEM0031	0.598	0.068	0.334
	MEM1086	0.623	0.064	0.313
	MEM1087	0.648	0.059	0.292
	MEM1088	0.673	0.055	0.272
	MEM1089	0.698	0.051	0.251
	MEM1090	0.723	0.047	0.230
	MEM1091	0.749	0.042	0.209
	MEM1092	0.774	0.038	0.188
	MEM1093	0.799	0.034	0.167
	MEM1094	0.824	0.030	0.146
	MEM1095	0.849	0.025	0.126
	MEM1096	0.874	0.021	0.105
	MEM1097	0.899	0.017	0.084
	MEM1098	0.924	0.013	0.063
	MEM1099	0.950	0.008	0.042
	MEM1100	0.975	0.004	0.021

Example 3

Microemulsion Formulations Comprised of Isopropyl Palmitate

Tables 27-45 present representative formulations of micro-emulsions comprised of isopropyl palmitate and pairs of surfactants selected from Tween® 20 ("T20"), Tween® 80 ("T80"), polypropylene glycol ("P"), and glycerol ("G"). Numerical values are given as percent (w/w). "Surfactant" represents the percent (w/w) of total surfactant in each formulation.

TABLE 27

Isopropyl Palmitate				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
1 to 1	MEM0147	0.486	0.041	0.472
	MEM0148	0.511	0.039	0.449
	MEM0149	0.536	0.037	0.426
	MEM0150	0.561	0.035	0.403
	MEM0151	0.587	0.033	0.380
	MEM0152	0.612	0.031	0.357

MEM0147-MEM0152 were unstable.

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TABLE 28

Isopropyl Palmitate				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
2 to 1	MEM0153	0.485	0.041	0.474
	MEM0154	0.510	0.039	0.451

MEM0153 and MEM0154 were unstable.

TABLE 29

Isopropyl Palmitate				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
3 to 1	MEM0155	0.484	0.041	0.475
	MEM0156	0.509	0.039	0.452
	MEM0157	0.534	0.037	0.429
	MEM0030	0.559	0.035	0.406
25	MEM0158	0.585	0.033	0.382
	MEM0159	0.610	0.031	0.359

TABLE 30

Isopropyl Palmitate				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
4 to 1	MEM0160	0.484	0.041	0.475
	MEM0161	0.509	0.039	0.452
	MEM0162	0.534	0.037	0.429
	MEM0163	0.559	0.035	0.406
	MEM0164	0.584	0.033	0.383
	MEM0165	0.978	0.019	0.003

TABLE 31

Isopropyl Palmitate				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
5 to 1	MEM0166	0.483	0.041	0.475
	MEM0167	0.508	0.039	0.452
	MEM0168	0.978	0.019	0.003
	MEM0169	0.973	0.002	0.025

TABLE 32

Isopropyl Palmitate				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
1 to 2	MEM0170	0.488	0.042	0.471
	MEM0171	0.513	0.040	0.448
	MEM0172	0.538	0.038	0.425
	MEM0173	0.563	0.035	0.402
	MEM0174	0.588	0.033	0.379
	MEM0175	0.613	0.031	0.355
	MEM0176	0.639	0.029	0.332
	MEM0177	0.664	0.027	0.309
	MEM0178	0.689	0.025	0.285
	MEM0179	0.948	0.004	0.048
	MEM0180	0.974	0.002	0.024

MEM0170-MEM0175 were unstable.

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TABLE 33

Isopropyl Palmitate				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
1 to 3	MEM0181	0.488	0.042	0.470
	MEM0182	0.513	0.040	0.447
	MEM0183	0.538	0.038	0.424
	MEM0184	0.563	0.036	0.401
	MEM0185	0.589	0.033	0.378
	MEM0186	0.614	0.031	0.355
	MEM0187	0.639	0.029	0.331
	MEM0188	0.665	0.027	0.308
	MEM0189	0.690	0.025	0.285
	MEM0190	0.716	0.023	0.261
	MEM0191	0.741	0.021	0.238
	MEM0192	0.767	0.019	0.214
	MEM0193	0.792	0.017	0.191
	MEM0194	0.818	0.015	0.167
	MEM0195	0.844	0.013	0.143
	MEM0196	0.870	0.011	0.120
	MEM0197	0.896	0.008	0.096
	MEM0198	0.922	0.006	0.072
	MEM0199	0.948	0.004	0.048
	MEM0200	0.974	0.002	0.024
	MEM0201	0.974	0.004	0.021

MEM0181-MEM0187 were unstable.

TABLE 34

Isopropyl Palmitate				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
1 to 4	MEM0202	0.489	0.042	0.470
	MEM0203	0.514	0.040	0.447
	MEM0204	0.539	0.038	0.424
	MEM0205	0.564	0.036	0.401
	MEM0206	0.589	0.033	0.377
	MEM0207	0.614	0.031	0.354
	MEM0208	0.640	0.029	0.331
	MEM0209	0.665	0.027	0.308
	MEM0210	0.690	0.025	0.284
	MEM0211	0.716	0.023	0.261
	MEM0212	0.741	0.021	0.238
	MEM0213	0.767	0.019	0.214
	MEM0214	0.793	0.017	0.190
	MEM0215	0.818	0.015	0.167
	MEM0216	0.844	0.013	0.143
	MEM0217	0.870	0.011	0.119
	MEM0218	0.896	0.008	0.096
	MEM0219	0.922	0.006	0.072
	MEM0220	0.948	0.004	0.048
	MEM0221	0.974	0.002	0.024
	MEM0222	0.974	0.004	0.021

MEM0202-MEM0208 were unstable.

TABLE 35

Isopropyl Palmitate				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
1 to 5	MEM0223	0.489	0.042	0.469
	MEM0224	0.514	0.040	0.446
	MEM0225	0.539	0.038	0.423
	MEM0226	0.564	0.036	0.400
	MEM0227	0.589	0.034	0.377
	MEM0228	0.615	0.031	0.354
	MEM0229	0.640	0.029	0.331
	MEM0230	0.665	0.027	0.307
	MEM0231	0.691	0.025	0.284
	MEM0232	0.716	0.023	0.261
	MEM0233	0.742	0.021	0.237
	MEM0234	0.767	0.019	0.214
	MEM0235	0.793	0.017	0.190

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TABLE 35-continued

Isopropyl Palmitate				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
5	MEM0236	0.819	0.015	0.167
	MEM0237	0.844	0.013	0.143
	MEM0238	0.870	0.011	0.119
	MEM0239	0.896	0.008	0.096
	MEM0240	0.922	0.006	0.072
10	MEM0241	0.948	0.004	0.048
	MEM0242	0.974	0.002	0.024
	MEM0243	0.974	0.004	0.021

20 MEM0223-MEM0230 were unstable.

TABLE 36

Isopropyl Palmitate				
T80:P	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
1 to 1	MEM0427	0.846	0.013	0.141
	MEM0428	0.872	0.011	0.117
	MEM0429	0.897	0.009	0.094
	MEM0430	0.923	0.006	0.071
30	MEM0431	0.949	0.004	0.047
	MEM0432	0.974	0.002	0.024

TABLE 37

Isopropyl Palmitate				
T80:P	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
2 to 1	MEM0433	0.492	0.042	0.466
	MEM0434	0.542	0.038	0.420
	MEM0435	0.592	0.034	0.374
	MEM0436	0.948	0.004	0.047
	MEM0437	0.974	0.002	0.024
	MEM0438	0.975	0.004	0.021

TABLE 38

Isopropyl Palmitate				
T80:P	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
3 to 1	MEM0439	0.492	0.042	0.466
	MEM0440	0.517	0.040	0.443
	MEM0441	0.542	0.038	0.420
	MEM0442	0.567	0.036	0.397
	MEM0443	0.592	0.034	0.374
55	MEM0444	0.617	0.032	0.351
	MEM0445	0.642	0.029	0.328
	MEM0446	0.693	0.025	0.282
	MEM0447	0.795	0.017	0.188
	MEM0448	0.846	0.013	0.142
	MEM0449	0.871	0.011	0.118
	MEM0450	0.897	0.008	0.095
	MEM0451	0.923	0.006	0.071
	MEM0452	0.948	0.004	0.047
	MEM0453	0.974	0.002	0.024
65	MEM0454	0.924	0.013	0.063
	MEM0455	0.949	0.009	0.042
	MEM0456	0.975	0.004	0.021

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TABLE 39

Isopropyl Palmitate				
T80:P	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
4 to 1	MEM0041	0.491	0.042	0.467
	MEM0457	0.516	0.040	0.444
	MEM0458	0.542	0.038	0.421
	MEM0459	0.567	0.036	0.398
	MEM0460	0.592	0.034	0.375
	MEM0461	0.617	0.032	0.352
	MEM0462	0.642	0.029	0.328
	MEM0463	0.820	0.015	0.165
	MEM0464	0.846	0.013	0.142
	MEM0465	0.871	0.011	0.118
	MEM0466	0.897	0.008	0.095
	MEM0467	0.923	0.006	0.071
	MEM0468	0.948	0.004	0.047
	MEM0469	0.974	0.002	0.024

TABLE 40

Isopropyl Palmitate				
T80:P	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
5 to 1	MEM0470	0.491	0.042	0.467
	MEM0471	0.516	0.040	0.444
	MEM0472	0.541	0.038	0.421
	MEM0473	0.566	0.036	0.398
	MEM0474	0.592	0.034	0.375
	MEM0475	0.617	0.032	0.352
	MEM0476	0.642	0.029	0.329
	MEM0477	0.667	0.027	0.305
	MEM0478	0.693	0.025	0.282
	MEM0479	0.718	0.023	0.259
	MEM0480	0.743	0.021	0.235
	MEM0481	0.769	0.019	0.212
	MEM0482	0.794	0.017	0.189
	MEM0483	0.820	0.015	0.165
	MEM0484	0.845	0.013	0.142
	MEM0485	0.871	0.011	0.118
	MEM0486	0.897	0.008	0.095
	MEM0487	0.923	0.006	0.071
	MEM0488	0.948	0.004	0.047
	MEM0489	0.974	0.002	0.024
	MEM0490	0.848	0.026	0.126
	MEM0491	0.873	0.021	0.105
	MEM0492	0.899	0.017	0.084
	MEM0493	0.924	0.013	0.063
	MEM0494	0.949	0.009	0.042
	MEM0495	0.975	0.004	0.021
	MEM0496	0.900	0.026	0.074
	MEM0497	0.925	0.019	0.055
	MEM0498	0.950	0.013	0.037
	MEM0499	0.975	0.006	0.018

MEM0470-MEM0473 were unstable.

TABLE 41

Isopropyl Palmitate				
T80:G	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
1 to 1	MEM0623	0.472	0.040	0.488
	MEM0035	0.497	0.038	0.464
	MEM0624	0.522	0.036	0.441
	MEM0625	0.944	0.004	0.051
	MEM0626	0.972	0.002	0.026

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TABLE 42

Isopropyl Palmitate					
T80:G	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant	
5	2 to 1	MEM0036	0.478	0.041	0.481
		MEM0037	0.503	0.039	0.458
		MEM0627	0.529	0.037	0.435
		MEM0628	0.554	0.035	0.411
10		MEM0629	0.579	0.033	0.388
		MEM0630	0.605	0.031	0.365
		MEM0631	0.630	0.029	0.341
		MEM0632	0.656	0.027	0.317
		MEM0633	0.733	0.021	0.246
		MEM0634	0.760	0.019	0.222
15		MEM0635	0.786	0.017	0.197

TABLE 43

Isopropyl Palmitate					
T80:G	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant	
25	3 to 1	MEM0038	0.481	0.041	0.477
		MEM0636	0.506	0.039	0.454
		MEM0637	0.532	0.037	0.431
		MEM0638	0.557	0.035	0.408
		MEM0639	0.582	0.033	0.385
		MEM0640	0.607	0.031	0.361
		MEM0641	0.633	0.029	0.338
		MEM0642	0.659	0.027	0.314
		MEM0643	0.684	0.025	0.291
		MEM0644	0.736	0.021	0.243
30		MEM0645	0.762	0.019	0.219
		MEM0646	0.788	0.017	0.195
		MEM0647	0.814	0.015	0.171
		MEM0648	0.840	0.013	0.147
		MEM0649	0.867	0.011	0.123
		MEM0650	0.893	0.008	0.098
		MEM0651	0.920	0.006	0.074
		MEM0652	0.895	0.017	0.088
		MEM0653	0.921	0.013	0.066
		MEM0654	0.948	0.009	0.044
40		MEM0655	0.974	0.004	0.022

TABLE 44

Isopropyl Palmitate					
T80:G	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant	
45	4 to 1	MEM0656	0.483	0.041	0.476
		MEM0657	0.508	0.039	0.452
		MEM0658	0.533	0.037	0.429
		MEM0659	0.559	0.035	0.406
		MEM0660	0.584	0.033	0.383
		MEM0661	0.609	0.031	0.360
		MEM0662	0.635	0.029	0.336
		MEM0663	0.660	0.027	0.313
		MEM0664	0.686	0.025	0.289
		MEM0665	0.711	0.023	0.266
55		MEM0666	0.737	0.021	0.242
		MEM0667	0.763	0.019	0.218
		MEM0668	0.789	0.017	0.194
		MEM0669	0.815	0.015	0.170
		MEM0670	0.841	0.013	0.146
		MEM0671	0.868	0.011	0.122
		MEM0672	0.894	0.008	0.098
		MEM0673	0.920	0.006	0.073
		MEM0674	0.947	0.004	0.049
		MEM0675	0.973	0.002	0.025
60		MEM0676	0.665	0.055	0.280
		MEM0677	0.691	0.050	0.259
		MEM0678	0.716	0.046	0.238
		MEM0679	0.742	0.042	0.216
		MEM0680	0.767	0.038	0.195

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TABLE 44-continued

Isopropyl Palmitate				
T80:G	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
	MEM0681	0.793	0.034	0.173
	MEM0682	0.819	0.030	0.152
	MEM0683	0.844	0.025	0.130
	MEM0684	0.870	0.021	0.109
	MEM0685	0.896	0.017	0.087
	MEM0686	0.922	0.013	0.065
	MEM0687	0.948	0.009	0.044
	MEM0688	0.974	0.004	0.022

TABLE 45

Isopropyl Palmitate				
T80:G	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
5 to 1	MEM0689	0.484	0.041	0.474
	MEM0690	0.509	0.039	0.451
	MEM0691	0.535	0.037	0.428
	MEM0692	0.560	0.035	0.405
	MEM0693	0.585	0.033	0.382
	MEM0694	0.610	0.031	0.358
	MEM0695	0.636	0.029	0.335
	MEM0696	0.661	0.027	0.312
	MEM0697	0.687	0.025	0.288
	MEM0698	0.712	0.023	0.265
	MEM0699	0.738	0.021	0.241
	MEM0700	0.764	0.019	0.217
	MEM0701	0.790	0.017	0.193
	MEM0702	0.816	0.015	0.169
	MEM0703	0.842	0.013	0.145
	MEM0704	0.868	0.011	0.121
	MEM0705	0.894	0.008	0.097
	MEM0706	0.921	0.006	0.073
	MEM0707	0.947	0.004	0.049
	MEM0708	0.973	0.002	0.024
	MEM0709	0.666	0.055	0.279
	MEM0710	0.692	0.051	0.258
	MEM0711	0.717	0.046	0.237
	MEM0712	0.742	0.042	0.215
	MEM0713	0.768	0.038	0.194
	MEM0714	0.794	0.034	0.173
	MEM0715	0.819	0.030	0.151
	MEM0716	0.845	0.025	0.130
	MEM0717	0.871	0.021	0.108
	MEM0718	0.896	0.017	0.087
	MEM0719	0.922	0.013	0.065
	MEM0720	0.948	0.009	0.043
	MEM0721	0.974	0.004	0.022

Example 4

Microemulsion Formulations Comprised of Medium Chain Triglyceride

Tables 46-68 present representative formulations of micro-emulsions comprised of medium chain triglyceride ("MCT") and pairs of surfactants selected from Tween® 20 ("T20"), Tween® 80 ("T80"), polypropylene glycol ("P"), glycerol ("G"), triacetin ("TriAc"), and Cremophor® EL ("CEL"). Numerical values are given as percent (w/w). "Surfactant" represents the percent (w/w) of total surfactant in each formulation.

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TABLE 46

MCT				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
1 to 1	MEM0244	0.484	0.046	0.470
	MEM0245	0.509	0.044	0.448
	MEM0246	0.534	0.041	0.425
	MEM0065	0.559	0.039	0.402
	MEM0247	0.584	0.037	0.379
	MEM0248	0.610	0.035	0.356
	MEM0066	0.635	0.032	0.332
	MEM0249	0.661	0.030	0.309
	MEM0067	0.686	0.028	0.286
	MEM0250	0.712	0.026	0.262
	MEM0251	0.738	0.023	0.239
	MEM0252	0.764	0.021	0.215
	MEM0253	0.789	0.019	0.192
	MEM0254	0.816	0.016	0.168
	MEM0255	0.842	0.014	0.144
	MEM0256	0.920	0.007	0.073
	MEM0257	0.973	0.002	0.024
	MEM0258	0.976	0.021	0.003

TABLE 47

MCT				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
2 to 1	MEM0259	0.483	0.046	0.472
	MEM0260	0.508	0.043	0.449
	MEM0261	0.973	0.002	0.024
	MEM0262	0.928	0.064	0.008
	MEM0263	0.952	0.043	0.005
	MEM0264	0.976	0.021	0.003

MEM0259 and MEM0260 were unstable.

TABLE 48

MCT				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
3 to 1	MEM0265	0.482	0.046	0.473
	MEM0266	0.507	0.043	0.450
	MEM0267	0.532	0.041	0.427
	MEM0268	0.557	0.039	0.404
	MEM0269	0.582	0.037	0.381
	MEM0270	0.608	0.034	0.358
	MEM0271	0.928	0.064	0.008
	MEM0272	0.952	0.043	0.005
	MEM0273	0.976	0.021	0.003

TABLE 49

MCT				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
4 to 1	MEM0274	0.946	0.005	0.049
	MEM0275	0.973	0.002	0.025
	MEM0276	0.904	0.085	0.010
	MEM0277	0.928	0.064	0.008
	MEM0278	0.952	0.043	0.005
	MEM0279	0.976	0.021	0.003

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TABLE 50

MCT				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
5 to 1	MEM0280	0.974	0.007	0.019
	MEM0281	0.948	0.019	0.033
	MEM0282	0.974	0.009	0.016
	MEM0283	0.928	0.064	0.008
	MEM0284	0.952	0.043	0.005
	MEM0285	0.976	0.021	0.003

TABLE 51

MCT				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
1 to 2	MEM0286	0.485	0.046	0.469
	MEM0287	0.510	0.044	0.446
	MEM0288	0.535	0.041	0.423
	MEM0289	0.561	0.039	0.400
	MEM0290	0.586	0.037	0.377
	MEM0291	0.611	0.035	0.354
	MEM0292	0.637	0.032	0.331
	MEM0293	0.662	0.030	0.308
	MEM0068	0.688	0.028	0.285
	MEM0069	0.713	0.026	0.261
	MEM0294	0.739	0.023	0.238
	MEM0295	0.765	0.021	0.214
	MEM0296	0.790	0.019	0.191
	MEM0297	0.816	0.016	0.167
	MEM0298	0.842	0.014	0.144
	MEM0299	0.868	0.012	0.120
	MEM0300	0.895	0.009	0.096
	MEM0301	0.921	0.007	0.072
	MEM0302	0.947	0.005	0.048
	MEM0303	0.974	0.002	0.024

MEM0286-MEM0292 were unstable.

TABLE 52

MCT				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
1 to 3	MEM0304	0.486	0.046	0.468
	MEM0305	0.511	0.044	0.445
	MEM0070	0.536	0.041	0.422
	MEM0306	0.561	0.039	0.400
	MEM0071	0.587	0.037	0.377
	MEM0072	0.612	0.035	0.354
	MEM0307	0.637	0.032	0.330
	MEM0308	0.663	0.030	0.307
	MEM0309	0.688	0.028	0.284
	MEM0310	0.714	0.026	0.261
	MEM0311	0.739	0.023	0.237
	MEM0312	0.765	0.021	0.214
	MEM0313	0.791	0.019	0.190
	MEM0314	0.817	0.016	0.167
	MEM0315	0.843	0.014	0.143
	MEM0316	0.869	0.012	0.120
	MEM0317	0.895	0.009	0.096
	MEM0318	0.921	0.007	0.072
	MEM0319	0.947	0.005	0.048
	MEM0320	0.974	0.002	0.024
	MEM0321	0.793	0.037	0.170
	MEM0322	0.819	0.033	0.149
	MEM0323	0.844	0.028	0.128
	MEM0324	0.974	0.005	0.021

MEM0304 and MEM0305 were unstable.

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TABLE 53

MCT				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
1 to 4	MEM0325	0.486	0.046	0.468
	MEM0326	0.511	0.044	0.445
	MEM0327	0.537	0.041	0.422
	MEM0328	0.562	0.039	0.399
	MEM0329	0.587	0.037	0.376
	MEM0073	0.612	0.035	0.353
10	MEM0074	0.638	0.032	0.330
	MEM0075	0.663	0.030	0.307
	MEM0076	0.688	0.028	0.284
	MEM0330	0.714	0.026	0.260
	MEM0331	0.740	0.023	0.237
	MEM0332	0.765	0.021	0.214
15	MEM0333	0.791	0.019	0.190
	MEM0334	0.817	0.016	0.167
	MEM0335	0.843	0.014	0.143
	MEM0336	0.869	0.012	0.119
	MEM0337	0.895	0.009	0.096
	MEM0338	0.921	0.007	0.072
20	MEM0339	0.947	0.005	0.048
	MEM0340	0.974	0.002	0.024
	MEM0341	0.793	0.037	0.169
	MEM0342	0.819	0.033	0.148
	MEM0343	0.845	0.028	0.127
	MEM0344	0.948	0.009	0.043
25	MEM0345	0.974	0.005	0.021
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MEM0325-MEM0327 were unstable.

TABLE 54

MCT				
T20:T80	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
1 to 5	MEM0346	0.487	0.046	0.467
	MEM0347	0.512	0.044	0.444
	MEM0348	0.537	0.042	0.422
	MEM0349	0.562	0.039	0.399
	MEM0350	0.587	0.037	0.376
	MEM0351	0.613	0.035	0.353
40	MEM0352	0.638	0.032	0.330
	MEM0077	0.663	0.030	0.306
	MEM0353	0.689	0.028	0.283
	MEM0354	0.714	0.026	0.260
	MEM0355	0.740	0.023	0.237
	MEM0356	0.766	0.021	0.213
45	MEM0357	0.791	0.019	0.190
	MEM0358	0.817	0.016	0.166
	MEM0359	0.843	0.014	0.143
	MEM0360	0.869	0.012	0.119
	MEM0361	0.895	0.009	0.095
	MEM0362	0.921	0.007	0.072
50	MEM0363	0.947	0.005	0.048
	MEM0364	0.974	0.002	0.024
	MEM0365	0.641	0.065	0.294
	MEM0366	0.666	0.061	0.273
	MEM0367	0.691	0.056	0.253
	MEM0368	0.717	0.051	0.232
55	MEM0369	0.742	0.047	0.211
	MEM0370	0.768	0.042	0.190
	MEM0371	0.793	0.037	0.169
	MEM0372	0.819	0.033	0.148
	MEM0373	0.845	0.028	0.127
	MEM0374	0.948	0.009	0.043
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MEM0346-MEM0352 were unstable.

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TABLE 55

MCT				
T80:P	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
2 to 1	MEM0500	0.540	0.042	0.418
	MEM0501	0.590	0.037	0.373
	MEM0502	0.641	0.033	0.327
	MEM0503	0.793	0.019	0.188
	MEM0504	0.819	0.016	0.164
	MEM0505	0.845	0.014	0.141
	MEM0506	0.871	0.012	0.118
	MEM0507	0.896	0.009	0.094
	MEM0508	0.922	0.007	0.071
	MEM0509	0.948	0.005	0.047
	MEM0510	0.974	0.002	0.024

TABLE 56

MCT				
T80:P	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
3 to 1	MEM0511	0.489	0.046	0.464
	MEM0512	0.514	0.044	0.442
	MEM0513	0.540	0.042	0.419
	MEM0514	0.565	0.039	0.396
	MEM0515	0.590	0.037	0.373
	MEM0516	0.615	0.035	0.350
	MEM0517	0.640	0.033	0.327
	MEM0518	0.666	0.030	0.304
	MEM0519	0.691	0.028	0.281
	MEM0520	0.717	0.026	0.258
	MEM0521	0.742	0.023	0.235
	MEM0522	0.768	0.021	0.211
	MEM0523	0.793	0.019	0.188
	MEM0524	0.819	0.016	0.165
	MEM0525	0.845	0.014	0.141
	MEM0526	0.870	0.012	0.118
	MEM0527	0.896	0.009	0.094
	MEM0528	0.922	0.007	0.071
	MEM0529	0.948	0.005	0.047
	MEM0530	0.974	0.002	0.024

TABLE 57

MCT				
T80:P	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
4 to 1	MEM0531	0.489	0.046	0.465
	MEM0532	0.514	0.044	0.442
	MEM0533	0.539	0.042	0.419
	MEM0534	0.564	0.039	0.396
	MEM0535	0.590	0.037	0.373
	MEM0536	0.615	0.035	0.350
	MEM0537	0.640	0.033	0.327
	MEM0538	0.691	0.028	0.281
	MEM0539	0.716	0.026	0.258
	MEM0540	0.742	0.023	0.235
	MEM0541	0.767	0.021	0.212
	MEM0542	0.793	0.019	0.188
	MEM0543	0.819	0.016	0.165
	MEM0544	0.844	0.014	0.142
	MEM0545	0.870	0.012	0.118
	MEM0546	0.896	0.009	0.095
	MEM0547	0.922	0.007	0.071
	MEM0548	0.948	0.005	0.047
	MEM0549	0.974	0.002	0.024

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TABLE 58

MCT				
T80:P	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
5 to 1	MEM0550	0.489	0.046	0.465
	MEM0551	0.514	0.044	0.442
	MEM0552	0.539	0.042	0.419
	MEM0020	0.564	0.039	0.396
	MEM0553	0.589	0.037	0.373
	MEM0554	0.615	0.035	0.350
	MEM0555	0.640	0.033	0.327
	MEM0556	0.665	0.030	0.304
	MEM0557	0.691	0.028	0.281
	MEM0558	0.716	0.026	0.258
10	MEM0559	0.742	0.023	0.235
	MEM0560	0.767	0.021	0.212
	MEM0561	0.793	0.019	0.188
	MEM0562	0.819	0.016	0.165
	MEM0563	0.844	0.014	0.142
	MEM0564	0.870	0.012	0.118
	MEM0565	0.896	0.009	0.095
	MEM0566	0.922	0.007	0.071
	MEM0567	0.948	0.005	0.047
	MEM0568	0.974	0.002	0.024
15	MEM0008	0.592	0.075	0.333
	MEM0569	0.642	0.065	0.292
	MEM0570	0.795	0.038	0.168
	MEM0571	0.820	0.033	0.147
	MEM0572	0.846	0.028	0.126
	MEM0573	0.871	0.024	0.105
	MEM0574	0.897	0.019	0.084
	MEM0575	0.923	0.014	0.063
	MEM0576	0.948	0.009	0.042
	MEM0577	0.974	0.005	0.021

TABLE 59

MCT				
T80:G	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
1 to 1	MEM0722	0.495	0.042	0.463
	MEM0723	0.520	0.040	0.440
	MEM0724	0.546	0.038	0.416
	MEM0019	0.571	0.036	0.393
	MEM0725	0.597	0.034	0.370
	MEM0726	0.622	0.032	0.346
	MEM0727	0.648	0.029	0.322
	MEM0728	0.674	0.027	0.298
	MEM0729	0.701	0.025	0.274
	MEM0730	0.727	0.023	0.250
40	MEM0731	0.753	0.021	0.226
	MEM0732	0.780	0.018	0.201
	MEM0733	0.807	0.016	0.177
	MEM0734	0.834	0.014	0.152
	MEM0735	0.861	0.012	0.127
	MEM0736	0.889	0.009	0.102
	MEM0737	0.916	0.007	0.077
	MEM0738	0.944	0.005	0.051
	MEM0739	0.972	0.002	0.026

TABLE 60

MCT				
T80:G	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
2 to 1	MEM0740	0.476	0.045	0.479
	MEM0741	0.501	0.043	0.456
	MEM0742	0.526	0.041	0.433
	MEM0743	0.552	0.039	0.410
	MEM0744	0.577	0.036	0.387
	MEM0745	0.603	0.034	0.363
	MEM0746	0.628	0.032	0.340
	MEM0747	0.654	0.030	0.316

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TABLE 60-continued

MCT				
T80:G	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
	MEM0748	0.680	0.028	0.293
	MEM0749	0.706	0.025	0.269
	MEM0750	0.732	0.023	0.245
	MEM0751	0.758	0.021	0.221
	MEM0752	0.784	0.019	0.197
	MEM0753	0.811	0.016	0.173
	MEM0754	0.838	0.014	0.149
	MEM0755	0.864	0.012	0.124
	MEM0756	0.891	0.009	0.100
	MEM0757	0.918	0.007	0.075
	MEM0758	0.945	0.005	0.050
	MEM0759	0.973	0.002	0.025
	MEM0760	0.866	0.023	0.111
	MEM0761	0.893	0.019	0.089
	MEM0762	0.919	0.014	0.067
	MEM0763	0.946	0.009	0.044
	MEM0764	0.973	0.005	0.022

TABLE 61

MCT				
T80:G	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
3 to 1	MEM0765	0.479	0.045	0.475
	MEM0766	0.504	0.043	0.453
	MEM0767	0.529	0.041	0.430
	MEM0768	0.555	0.039	0.407
	MEM0769	0.580	0.037	0.383
	MEM0770	0.605	0.034	0.360
	MEM0771	0.631	0.032	0.337
	MEM0772	0.657	0.030	0.314
	MEM0773	0.682	0.028	0.290
	MEM0774	0.708	0.025	0.266
	MEM0775	0.734	0.023	0.243
	MEM0776	0.760	0.021	0.219
	MEM0777	0.786	0.019	0.195
	MEM0778	0.813	0.016	0.171
	MEM0779	0.839	0.014	0.147
	MEM0780	0.866	0.012	0.123
	MEM0781	0.892	0.009	0.098
	MEM0782	0.919	0.007	0.074
	MEM0783	0.946	0.005	0.049
	MEM0784	0.973	0.002	0.025
	MEM0785	0.558	0.078	0.364
	MEM0007	0.584	0.074	0.343
	MEM0786	0.609	0.069	0.322
	MEM0787	0.634	0.065	0.301
	MEM0013	0.660	0.060	0.280
	MEM0788	0.685	0.056	0.259
	MEM0789	0.711	0.051	0.238
	MEM0790	0.737	0.046	0.217
	MEM0791	0.763	0.042	0.195
	MEM0792	0.789	0.037	0.174
	MEM0793	0.815	0.033	0.152
	MEM0794	0.841	0.028	0.131
	MEM0795	0.867	0.023	0.109
	MEM0796	0.894	0.019	0.088
	MEM0797	0.920	0.014	0.066
	MEM0798	0.947	0.009	0.044
	MEM0799	0.973	0.005	0.022

TABLE 62

MCT				
T80:G	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
4 to 1	MEM0800	0.481	0.045	0.473
	MEM0801	0.506	0.043	0.451
	MEM0802	0.531	0.041	0.428

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TABLE 62-continued

MCT				
T80:G	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
	MEM0803	0.556	0.039	0.405
	MEM0804	0.582	0.037	0.382
	MEM0805	0.607	0.034	0.358
	MEM0806	0.633	0.032	0.335
	MEM0807	0.658	0.030	0.312
	MEM0808	0.684	0.028	0.288
	MEM0809	0.710	0.025	0.265
	MEM0810	0.736	0.023	0.241
	MEM0811	0.762	0.021	0.218
	MEM0812	0.788	0.019	0.194
	MEM0813	0.814	0.016	0.170
	MEM0814	0.840	0.014	0.146
	MEM0815	0.867	0.012	0.122
	MEM0816	0.893	0.009	0.098
	MEM0817	0.920	0.007	0.073
	MEM0818	0.946	0.005	0.049
	MEM0819	0.973	0.002	0.025
	MEM0039	0.560	0.078	0.362
	MEM0820	0.585	0.074	0.341
	MEM0821	0.610	0.069	0.320
	MEM0822	0.636	0.065	0.299
	MEM0823	0.661	0.060	0.278
	MEM0040	0.687	0.056	0.257
	MEM0824	0.713	0.051	0.236
	MEM0825	0.738	0.047	0.215
	MEM0826	0.764	0.042	0.194
	MEM0827	0.790	0.037	0.173
	MEM0828	0.816	0.033	0.151
	MEM0829	0.842	0.028	0.130
	MEM0830	0.868	0.023	0.108
	MEM0831	0.894	0.019	0.087
	MEM0832	0.921	0.014	0.065
	MEM0833	0.947	0.009	0.044
	MEM0834	0.973	0.005	0.022

35 MEM0800-MEM0802 were unstable.

TABLE 63

MCT				
T80:G	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
5 to 1	MEM0835	0.482	0.046	0.472
	MEM0836	0.507	0.043	0.449
	MEM0837	0.532	0.041	0.426
	MEM0838	0.558	0.039	0.403
	MEM0839	0.583	0.037	0.380
	MEM0840	0.608	0.034	0.357
	MEM0841	0.634	0.032	0.334
	MEM0842	0.659	0.030	0.311
	MEM0843	0.685	0.028	0.287
	MEM0844	0.711	0.025	0.264
	MEM0845	0.736	0.023	0.240
	MEM0846	0.762	0.021	0.217
	MEM0847	0.788	0.019	0.193
	MEM0848	0.815	0.016	0.169
	MEM0849	0.841	0.014	0.145
	MEM0850	0.867	0.012	0.121
	MEM0851	0.893	0.009	0.097
	MEM0852	0.920	0.007	0.073
	MEM0853	0.947	0.005	0.049
	MEM0854	0.973	0.002	0.024
	MEM0855	0.561	0.078	0.361
	MEM0856	0.586	0.074	0.340
	MEM0857	0.611	0.069	0.319
	MEM0858	0.637	0.065	0.298
	MEM0859	0.662	0.060	0.277
	MEM0860	0.688	0.056	0.256
	MEM0861	0.713	0.051	0.235
	MEM0862	0.739	0.047	0.214
	MEM0863	0.765	0.042	0.193
	MEM0864	0.791	0.037	0.172
	MEM0865	0.817	0.033	0.151

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TABLE 63-continued

MCT				
T80:G	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
	MEM0866	0.843	0.028	0.129
	MEM0867	0.869	0.023	0.108
	MEM0868	0.895	0.019	0.086
	MEM0869	0.921	0.014	0.065
	MEM0870	0.947	0.009	0.043
	MEM0871	0.974	0.005	0.022

MEM0835-MEM0838 were unstable.

TABLE 64

MCT				
T80:TriAc	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
1 to 1	MEM0947	0.478	0.045	0.477
	MEM0948	0.503	0.043	0.454
	MEM0949	0.528	0.041	0.431
	MEM0021	0.553	0.039	0.408
	MEM0950	0.579	0.036	0.385
	MEM0951	0.604	0.034	0.361
	MEM0952	0.630	0.032	0.338
	MEM0953	0.656	0.030	0.315
	MEM0954	0.681	0.028	0.291
	MEM0955	0.707	0.025	0.267
	MEM0956	0.733	0.023	0.244
	MEM0957	0.759	0.021	0.220
	MEM0958	0.786	0.019	0.196
	MEM0959	0.812	0.016	0.172
	MEM0960	0.839	0.014	0.148
	MEM0961	0.865	0.012	0.123
	MEM0962	0.892	0.009	0.099
	MEM0963	0.919	0.007	0.074
	MEM0964	0.946	0.005	0.050
	MEM0965	0.973	0.002	0.025

TABLE 65

MCT				
T80:TriAc	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
2 to 1	MEM0966	0.482	0.046	0.473
	MEM0009	0.507	0.043	0.450
	MEM0967	0.532	0.041	0.427
	MEM0015	0.557	0.039	0.404
	MEM0968	0.582	0.037	0.381
	MEM0969	0.608	0.034	0.358
	MEM0970	0.633	0.032	0.335
	MEM0971	0.659	0.030	0.311
	MEM0972	0.684	0.028	0.288
	MEM0973	0.710	0.025	0.265
	MEM0974	0.736	0.023	0.241
	MEM0975	0.762	0.021	0.217
	MEM0976	0.788	0.019	0.193
	MEM0977	0.893	0.009	0.097
	MEM0978	0.920	0.007	0.073
	MEM0979	0.946	0.005	0.049
	MEM0980	0.973	0.002	0.025

TABLE 66

MCT				
T80:TriAc	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
3 to 1	MEM0981	0.483	0.046	0.471
	MEM0982	0.508	0.043	0.448
	MEM0983	0.533	0.041	0.425
	MEM0984	0.559	0.039	0.402

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TABLE 66-continued

MCT				
T80:TriAc	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
5	MEM0985	0.584	0.037	0.379
	MEM0986	0.609	0.035	0.356
	MEM0987	0.635	0.032	0.333
	MEM0988	0.660	0.030	0.310
10	MEM0989	0.686	0.028	0.287
	MEM0990	0.711	0.026	0.263
	MEM0991	0.737	0.023	0.240
	MEM0992	0.920	0.007	0.073
15	MEM0993	0.947	0.005	0.049
	MEM0994	0.973	0.002	0.024

TABLE 67

MCT					
20	T80:TriAc	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
	4 to 1	MEM0995	0.484	0.046	0.470
		MEM0996	0.509	0.044	0.447
		MEM0997	0.534	0.041	0.424
		MEM0998	0.559	0.039	0.401
25		MEM0999	0.585	0.037	0.378
		MEM1000	0.610	0.035	0.355
		MEM1001	0.635	0.032	0.332
		MEM1002	0.661	0.030	0.309

TABLE 68

MCT					
	T80:TriAc	ID	Water	Oil	Surfactant
35	5 to 1	MEM1003	0.485	0.046	0.469
		MEM1004	0.510	0.044	0.447
		MEM1005	0.535	0.041	0.424
		MEM1006	0.560	0.039	0.401
		MEM1007	0.636	0.032	0.332
		MEM1008	0.662	0.030	0.308

Example 5

Comparison with Nanoemulsion

MSH-1001, a proprietary novel, highly insoluble small molecule, is an ATP-sensitive K channel opener that has been shown to reduce intraocular pressure.

Eleven different microemulsions and one nanoemulsion comprising varying specified amounts of MSH-1001 were prepared. Nanoemulsion ED-002 comprises 8 percent (w/w) castor oil, 2.2 percent (w/w) glycerin, 2 percent (w/w) Pluronic F68, 1 percent (w/w) soybean lecithin, 0.002 percent (w/w) alpha-tocopherol, and 85.8 percent (w/w) 1% carboxymethylcellulose (CMC)/deionized water. Compositions of the microemulsions used in this example are provided in Table 69.

TABLE 69

ID	Surfactant	Co-Surfactant	% IPM	% Surfactant	MSH-1001	Viscosity
ED-007	3:1 Crem	PG	1.7	18.6	0.1%	30.8
ER-008	4:1 T80	PG	1.7	18.7	0.1%	29.1
ED-009	4:1 T80	PG	5.9	29.9	0.1%	29.7
ED-010	2:1 Crem	T20	1.7	19.3	0.1%	28.2

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TABLE 69-continued

ID	Sur- factant	Co- Surfactant	% IPM	% Sur- factant	MSH- 1001	Viscosity
ED-011	3:1 Crem	T20	1.7	19.3	0.1%	31.7
ED-012	3:1 Crem	Triacetin	1.4	18.6	0.1%	28.9
ED-013	3:1 Crem	Triacetin	2.4	31.3	0.3%	20.5
ED-014	4:1 Crem	PG	2.5	27.9	0.3%	19.9
ED-015	3:1 T80	T20	3.0	39	0.3%	458.9
ED-016	3:1 Crem	PG	2.5	27.8	0.3%	15.6
ED-017	3:1 Crem	PG	3.3	37	0.3%	185.7

Crem = cremophor;
PG = propylene glycol;
T20 = Tween 20;
T80 = Tween 80

Quantification of MSH-1001 in rabbit aqueous humor (AH) at 1 hour following administration of a single 60 μ L eyedrop was performed using LC-MS/MS.

Representative results are shown in FIG. 3. Following topical administration of the various eyedrops it was observed that a 0.5% MSH-1001 microemulsion delivered the same drug levels to the aqueous humor as a 3% nanoemulsion and the 10% micronized suspension.

As shown in FIG. 3, MSH-1001 can be formulated into optically transparent and thermodynamically stable microemulsion eyedrops. These eyedrops, while having two orders of magnitude lower concentrations of the active ingredient, have demonstrated the ability to deliver the same concentration to the aqueous humor as more traditional eyedrop formulations. These results indicate that this microemulsion eyedrop formulation platform technology can be applied to increase ocular delivery of other lipophilic active pharmaceutical ingredients.

Example 6

Microemulsion Droplet Size

Representative microemulsions were characterized in terms of droplet size of the emulsions. FIG. 4 shows the results of this analysis. The size distribution is plotted using a whisker plot, where the higher and lower extremes represent the d90 and d10 size distribution. D90 and d10 exclude the highest 10% and lowest 10% of the particle distribution, respectively. As can be observed from FIG. 4, there is variability in the d90 to d10 distribution. Most of the formulations tested had a d90:d10 ratio of about 2. The same can be said for the spread in FIG. 5, which is a comparison of the size of select formulations measured on day 1 and day 14.

Example 7

Microemulsion Formulations of Fenofibrate

In this example the ability of fenofibrate to form microemulsions in isopropyl myristate (IPM) was evaluated. Of 45 formulations of isopropyl myristate initially screened, 20 were identified that were compatible with 0.5% fenofibrate. Table 70 shows representative formulations made with IPM and Tween 80 (T80) as surfactant and propanediol (P) as co-surfactant. For comparison, formulations were also made with Tween 20 (T20) as the surfactant and Tween 80 (T80) as the co-surfactant. In this latter system 6 out of 15 screened formulations formed microemulsions with IPM (Table 71).

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TABLE 70

Isopropyl Myristate (IPM) Microemulsions of 0.5% Fenofibrate				
MEM	Water	Oil IPM	Surfactant	
			T80	P
MEM0401	0.592	0.034	0.3000	0.0750
MEM0402	0.617	0.031	0.2820	0.0704
MEM0403	0.642	0.029	0.2620	0.0656
MEM0409	0.592	0.034	0.3125	0.0625
MEM0410	0.617	0.031	0.2933	0.0587
MEM0381	0.492	0.042	0.3500	0.1165
MEM0382	0.517	0.040	0.3320	0.1108
MEM0383	0.542	0.038	0.3150	0.1050
MEM0384	0.567	0.036	0.2980	0.0992
MEM0385	0.592	0.034	0.2810	0.0935
MEM0386	0.617	0.031	0.2630	0.0878
MEM0387	0.642	0.029	0.2460	0.0820
MEM0375	0.492	0.042	0.3110	0.1553
MEM0376	0.517	0.040	0.2950	0.1477
MEM0377	0.542	0.038	0.2800	0.1400

TABLE 71

Additional Isopropyl Myristate (IPM) Microemulsions of 0.5% Fenofibrate				
MEM	Water	Oil IPM	Surfactant	
			T20	T80
MEM0042	0.498	0.038	0.232	0.232
MEM0043	0.523	0.036	0.220	0.220
MEM0044	0.548	0.035	0.209	0.209
MEM0045	0.574	0.033	0.197	0.197
MEM0053	0.687	0.025	0.057	0.230
MEM0054	0.713	0.023	0.053	0.211

Example 8

Stability of Microemulsion Formulations of Fenofibrate

Microemulsion MEM0043 containing 0.5% fenofibrate was prepared as in Example 7 and stored at room temperature for over one year. Droplet size was assessed as in Example 6 on days 1, 14, and 379. Results are shown in FIG. 6. One-way ANOVA analysis showed there is no significant difference among the three groups ($p > 0.05$).

Example 9

In Vivo Delivery of Fenofibrate and Fenofibric Acid to Mice

C57BL/6 mice were administered various formulations of fenofibrate via various routes of administration, and then ocular concentrations of fenofibrate and fenofibric acid were determined using LC/MS. For five consecutive days, fenofibrate drops were given QID in three different nanoemulsions NEM-001, NEM-002, and NEM-003 (each prepared with 0.5% and 3.0% fenofibrate); a UID oral administration at a concentration of 200 mg/kg; and three microemulsion formulations (MEM0043, MEM0044, and MEM0045) at 0.5% fenofibrate. Eyes were then enucleated and whole eye (pigmented epithelium, cornea, retina, sclera; aka PECRS) was homogenized and concentrations of fenofibrate and fenofibric acid were measured. Results of LC/MS measurements indicated that the three microemulsions delivered similar amounts of fenofibric acid, and more fenofibrate was measured with the 0.5% microemulsions compared to all three 0.5% nanoemulsions. The nanoemulsions exhibited significant creaming and are not considered to be stable for more than a week.

In Vivo Delivery of Fenofibrate and Fenofibric Acid
to Rats

Brown Norway rats were administered fenofibrate eye drops, either as a nanoemulsion (NEM-001) with 3% fenofibrate or as a microemulsion (MEM0043) with 0.5% fenofibrate, QID for 19 days. Eyes were then enucleated and the retina was separated from the PECS (pigmented epithelium, cornea, and sclera) and measured separately, as was the vitreous. PECS and retina were homogenized and concentrations of fenofibrate and fenofibric acid were measured using LC/MS. Results (Table 72) showed that the concentration of fenofibrate in both the retina and PECS was significantly higher with the 3% nanoemulsion than with the 0.5% microemulsion. However, the concentration of fenofibric acid was not significantly different between the two formulations as measured with Student's T test.

TABLE 72

LC/MS Quantification of Ocular Concentrations of Fenofibrate and Fenofibric Acid						
ID Treatment	PECS		Retina		Vitreous	
	Fenofibrate (ng/g)	Fenofibric Acid (ng/g)	Fenofibrate (ng/g)	Fenofibric Acid (ng/g)	Fenofibrate (ng/mL)	Fenofibric Acid (ng/L)
1 NEM-001 3.0%	141.6	4.38	0.58	17.60	159.00	2.07
2 NEM-001 3.0%	3368.00	9.12	0.26	8.51	0.40	10.80
3 NEM-001 3.0%	72.8	4.17	0.31	2.93	0.67	0.76
4 NEM-001 3.0%	9.84	4.48	0.09	0.00	0.68	1.00
5 NEM-001 3.0%	3.70	10.56	457.71	3.84	0.39	1.55
6 NEM-001 3.0%	4.19	5.16	99.43	6.46	2.21	4.74
7 NEM-001 3.0%	3.07	4.66	18.11	3.54	0.77	0.71
8 NEM-001 3.0%	259.20	0.00	6.40	2.94	2.00	0.00
9 MEM0043 0.5%	2.21	0.00	2.37	4.37	0.52	2.80
10 MEM0043 0.5%	3.57	10.72	4.28	7.83	0.75	12.80
11 MEM0043 0.5%	4.62	0.00	1.27	7.83	0.70	0.61
12 MEM0043 0.5%	6.29	0.00	0.00	5.16	15.90	3.03
13 MEM0043 0.5%	34.32	0.00	6.51	7.09	0.33	8.99
14 MEM0043 0.5%	10.56	8.64	1.05	5.77	1440.00	6.53
15 MEM0043 0.5%	4.78	11.36	0.00	8.34	24.10	11.00
16 MEM0043 0.5%	6.15	13.68	2.23	8.63	2.06	3.83
17 MEM0043 0.5%	3.76	8.96	1.46	3.66	0.56	4.85
18 MEM0043 0.5%	5.34	4.34	1.14	2.82	0.11	0.50
19 MEM0043 0.5%	5.34	16.80	1.31	10.23	0.97	4.27
20 MEM0043 0.5%	31.60	11.92	0.47	12.29	0.43	1.51

Example 11

In Vivo Delivery of Fenofibrate and Fenofibric Acid
to Rabbits

Dutch belted rabbits were administered fenofibrate eye drops QID for 5 days. Two nanoemulsions (NEM-001 and NEM-002) with 3% fenofibrate and two microemulsion (MEM0043 and MEM0044) with 0.5% fenofibrate were administered for this study. Eyes were then enucleated and the tissue was dissected (retina, retinal pigment epithelium

(RPE), vitreous humor, aqueous humor, sclera, iris, cornea, and conjunctiva). The tissues were homogenized and concentrations of fenofibrate and fenofibric acid were measured using LC/MS. Table 73 shows the results of these LC/MS measurements, and FIG. 7 shows the concentrations of fenofibrate and fenofibric acid in the retina and RPE for all four formulations. Surprisingly, in both of these posterior tissues the 0.5% microemulsions had higher drug concentration than the 3.0% nanoemulsions. In the retina there was virtually no fenofibrate or fenofibric acid in eyes that were dosed with either nanoemulsion. In eyes that were dosed with microemulsion, there were fairly consistent amounts of fenofibrate but very little fenofibric acid in the retina samples. In the RPE much higher concentration of fenofibric acid could be observed in all four formulations, while fenofibrate could not be detected at all in the nanoemulsions, and MEM0043 had higher fenofibrate and fenofibric acid than MEM0044. In the anterior corneal tissue large concentrations

of fenofibric acid were detected in the microemulsion formulations, while the concentration of fenofibric acid measured in the nanoemulsion formulations was almost two orders of magnitude lower.

The results shown in FIG. 7 are surprising because they show very different drug dispositions within eye tissue depending on formulation, notwithstanding the similarity in particle size for the microemulsion formulations (137±40.3 nm) and the nanoemulsion formulations (205±74.9 nm).

TABLE 73

LC/MS Quantification of Ocular Concentrations of Fenofibrate and Fenofibric Acid						
Animal Number	Treatment Group	Fenofibrate Concentration	Tissue Type:			
			Retina		RPE	
			Fenofibrate (ng/g)	Fenofibric Acid (ng/g)	Fenofibrate (ng/g)	Fenofibric Acid (ng/g)
1154R	NEM001	3.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.30
1154L	NEM001	3.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.90
1155R	NEM001	3.0%	113.10	0.00	0.00	9.70
1155L	NEM001	3.0%	0.90	0.00	0.00	9.30
1160R	NEM002	3.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.50
1160L	NEM002	3.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
1161R	NEM002	3.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.70
1161L	NEM002	3.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.70
1156R	MEM0043	0.5%	8.20	2.80	1960.00	22.10
1156L	MEM0043	0.5%	6.20	8.20	53.80	62.90
1157R	MEM0043	0.5%	6.30	0.00	7.70	25.50
1157L	MEM0043	0.5%	6.10	0.00	9.70	19.20
1158R	MEM0044	0.5%	5.90	0.00	5.30	11.60
1158L	MEM0044	0.5%	5.00	0.00	5.00	8.00
1159R	MEM0044	0.5%	5.60	0.00	6.80	12.90
1159L	MEM0044	0.5%	4.70	0.00	4.80	6.90

Animal Number	Treatment Group	Fenofibrate Concentration	Tissue Type:			
			Vitreous		Aqueous	
			Fenofibrate (ng/mL)	Fenofibric Acid (ng/mL)	Fenofibrate (ng/mL)	Fenofibric Acid (ng/mL)
1154R	NEM001	3.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.53
1154L	NEM001	3.0%	40.50	0.00	0.00	2.78
1155R	NEM001	3.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.15
1155L	NEM001	3.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.52
1160R	NEM002	3.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.14
1160L	NEM002	3.0%	0.00	0.62	0.00	6.22
1161R	NEM002	3.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.56
1161L	NEM002	3.0%	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.60
1156R	MEM0043	0.5%	0.67	0.00	0.66	7.41
1156L	MEM0043	0.5%	0.55	0.00	1.01	8.63
1157R	MEM0043	0.5%	0.50	0.00	0.85	7.05
1157L	MEM0043	0.5%	0.71	0.00	0.67	4.33
1158R	MEM0044	0.5%	0.62	0.00	0.55	6.75
1158L	MEM0044	0.5%	0.71	0.00	0.82	3.42
1159R	MEM0044	0.5%	0.68	0.00	0.78	5.10
1159L	MEM0044	0.5%	0.75	0.00	0.78	2.22

Animal Number	Treatment Group	Fenofibrate Concentration	Tissue Type:			
			Sclera		Iris	
			Fenofibrate (ng/g)	Fenofibric Acid (ng/g)	Fenofibrate (ng/g)	Fenofibric Acid (ng/g)
1154R	NEM001	3.0%	0.00	36.10	0.00	0.00
1154L	NEM001	3.0%	0.00	19.00	0.00	0.00
1155R	NEM001	3.0%	0.00	9.90	0.00	1.20
1155L	NEM001	3.0%	0.00	21.50	0.00	2.70
1160R	NEM002	3.0%	0.00	20.10	81.10	0.00
1160L	NEM002	3.0%	0.00	25.10	0.00	0.00
1161R	NEM002	3.0%	0.00	14.40	223.40	0.00
1161L	NEM002	3.0%	0.00	9.60	0.00	0.00
1156R	MEM0043	0.5%	35.70	81.70	273.10	164.60
1156L	MEM0043	0.5%	25.90	92.60	13.80	30.30
1157R	MEM0043	0.5%	16.20	73.70	13.70	0.70
1157L	MEM0043	0.5%	41.10	56.90	4.50	2.40
1158R	MEM0044	0.5%	6.90	54.70	4.70	0.40
1158L	MEM0044	0.5%	9.00	54.50	3.40	0.00
1159R	MEM0044	0.5%	21.60	80.60	2.80	1.20
1159L	MEM0044	0.5%	15.50	72.00	3.10	1.20

TABLE 73-continued

LC/MS Quantification of Ocular Concentrations of Fenofibrate and Fenofibric Acid						
Animal Number	Treatment Group	Fenofibrate Concentration	Tissue Type:			
			Cornea		Conjunctiva	
			Fenofibrate (ng/g)	Fenofibric Acid (ng/g)	Fenofibrate (ng/g)	Fenofibric Acid (ng/g)
1154R	NEM001	3.0%	0.00	256.60	0.20	161.10
1154L	NEM001	3.0%	0.00	205.70	0.00	110.90
1155R	NEM001	3.0%	0.00	76.60	0.00	49.10
1155L	NEM001	3.0%	0.00	102.30	0.00	49.90
1160R	NEM002	3.0%	0.00	98.30	0.00	85.10
1160L	NEM002	3.0%	0.00	173.70	0.00	81.10
1161R	NEM002	3.0%	0.00	113.70	0.00	42.30
1161L	NEM002	3.0%	0.00	70.30	1931.40	23.10
1156R	MEM0043	0.5%	5.30	7657.10	4.20	278.30
1156L	MEM0043	0.5%	8.60	8857.10	7.40	282.90
1157R	MEM0043	0.5%	7.80	8628.60	9.10	406.30
1157L	MEM0043	0.5%	5.60	10685.70	4.00	242.90
1158R	MEM0044	0.5%	4.80	10342.90	4.90	407.40
1158L	MEM0044	0.5%	14.00	11714.30	4.30	278.90
1159R	MEM0044	0.5%	12.90	15314.30	3.40	361.70
1159L	MEM0044	0.5%	6.20	13257.10	6.70	258.90

Example 12

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In Vivo Efficacy of Fenofibrate Microemulsion Formulation

To show that the levels of fenofibrate and fenofibric acid are therapeutically relevant we used a laser-induced choroidal neovascularization rodent model. The rats used in this study were the same animals used in Example 10. On Day 1, 3 subchoroidal neovascular lesions/wounds were created in both eyes of 8-week old female Brown Norway rats at the 3 o'clock, 6 o'clock, and 9 o'clock positions. On Day 2, cohorts of 5 rats were randomly assigned to treatment groups and received 25 μ L eyedrop applications of 0.0% (vehicle), 0.5% MEM0043, or 3% NEM-001 Q.I.D. for 19 days. On Day 22, in vivo fluorescein angiography was performed on all rats utilizing intraperitoneal administration of fluorescein sodium and funduscope imaging coupled with a 488 nm bandpass filter. Both fluorescent and color funduscope images were captured for each eye, and lesion areas were hand-quantified by masked observers. FIG. 8 shows representative results of the quantification of the leakage measurements. The leakage in both the nanoemulsion and the microemulsion formulations were significantly ($p < 0.001$) reduced compared to vehicle.

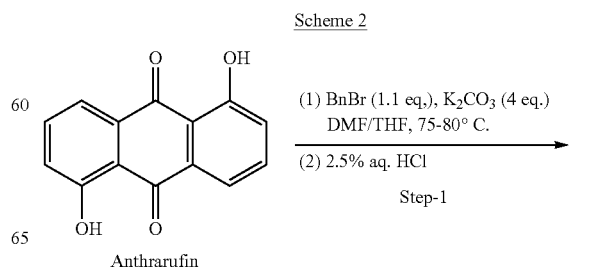
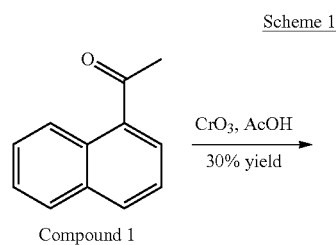
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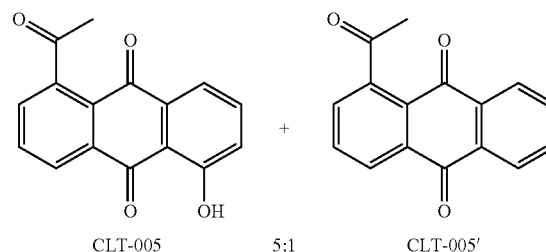
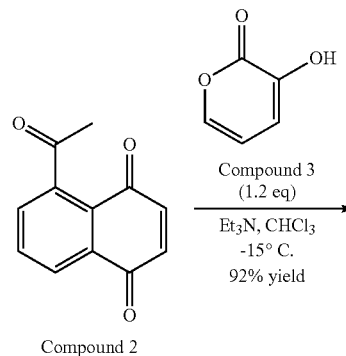
Synthesis of CLT-005

CLT-005 can be synthesized as shown in Scheme 1 or as shown in Scheme 2:

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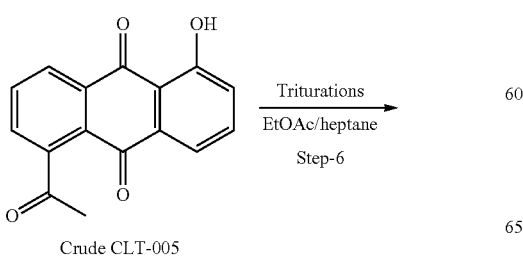
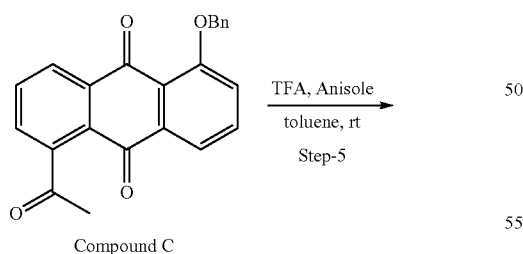
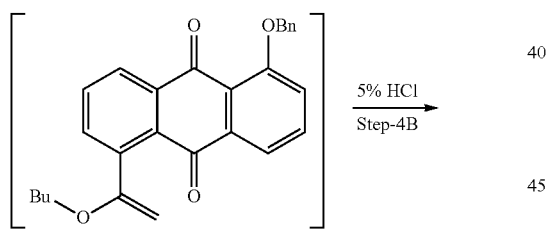
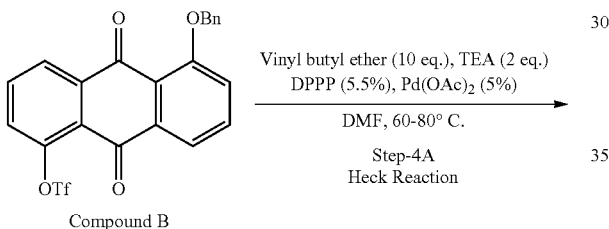
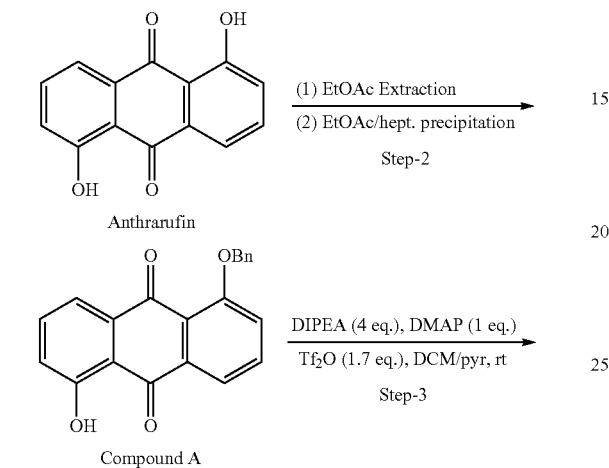
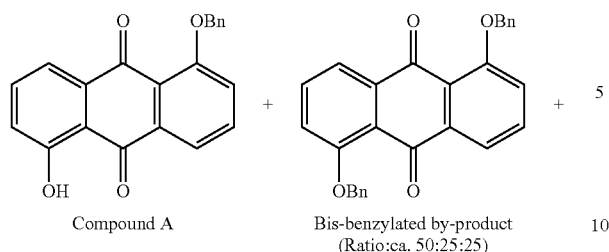


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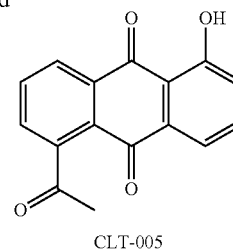
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EQUIVALENTS

Having now fully described the present invention in some detail by way of illustration and example for purposes of clarity of understanding, it will be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that the same can be performed by modifying or changing the invention within a wide and equivalent range of conditions, formulations and other parameters without affecting the scope of the invention or any specific embodiment thereof, and that such modifications or changes are intended to be encompassed within the scope of the appended claims.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

All patents and published patent applications mentioned in the description above are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.

We claim:

1. A method of treating a disease of the posterior segment of the eye, comprising:
topically administering to an eye of a subject in need thereof a composition comprising
an oil-in-water microemulsion comprising
(i) an oil selected from the group consisting of isopropyl myristate, isopropyl palmitate, and medium chain triglycerides;
(ii) a pair of surfactants selected from the group consisting of two polysorbates, a polysorbate and propylene glycol, a polysorbate and glycerol, a polysorbate and 1,2,3-triacetoxyp propane, polyethoxylated castor oil and 1,2,3-triacetoxyp propane, and polyethoxylated castor oil and propylene glycol;
(iii) water; and
(iv) a therapeutically effective amount, for treating a disease of the posterior segment of the eye, of a lipophilic active pharmaceutical ingredient (API),
wherein:
the API represents about 0.01 to about 5 percent (w/v) of the composition;
the water represents 50 to about 95 percent (w/w) of the composition;
the oil and the pair of surfactants represent substantially all of the remainder of the composition;
the ratio of percent (w/w) the pair of surfactant to percent (w/w) the oil is at least about 10:1; and
the composition is formulated for topical administration to the eye.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the lipophilic API is selected from the group consisting of adaprolol maleate, cyclosporine A, fenofibrate, fenofibric acid, indomethacin, miconazole, pilocarpine, piroxicam, and Δ^8 -THC.

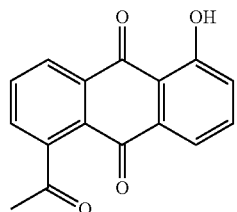
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the lipophilic API is fenofibrate.

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4. The method of claim 1, wherein the lipophilic API is fenofibric acid.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the lipophilic API is represented by

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6. The method of claim 1, wherein the disease of the posterior segment of the eye is characterized by inflammation, neovascularization, vascular leakage, fibrosis, or any combination thereof.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the disease of the posterior segment of the eye is selected from the group consisting of: age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, posterior uveitis, retinal edema, macular edema, and retinal vein occlusion.

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8. The method of claim 1, wherein the disease of the posterior segment of the eye is age-related macular degeneration.

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9. The method of claim 1, wherein the disease of the posterior segment of the eye is diabetic retinopathy.

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